

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 26 Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: June 24, 2025

Work
Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$42,404.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 26 Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of **\$156,033.00**; with a 15% match requirement by the County in the amount of **\$27,535.00**. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total of **\$42,404.00** for the 2025-2026 grant period. The grant only pays a portion of the salary and benefits of the surveillance officer's contract salary. Additionally, the grant covers a portion of treatment costs, transportation, drug testing supplies, and Reconnect, the call-in service used for random drug screens or weekend drug testing incurred annually. The Court requests the shortfall be paid by the DATE funds that are generated from fines and fees collected by the State Court of Lowndes County. The authorizing Georgia Law Code section O.C.G.A. 15-21-101(b)(3) states "Moneys collected pursuant to this article and placed in the "County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund" shall be expended by the governing authority of the county for which the fund is established solely and exclusively (3) if an operating under the influence court division has been established in the county under Code Section 15-1-19, for the purpose of the operating under the influence court division." The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and we have had 109 graduates. We currently have a total of **24** active participants in the program and anticipate growing to our capacity of 30 participants.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Accountability Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Judge Golden

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: