



CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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SHERIFF MICHELLE COOK

June 25, 2024

The Honorable Jim Renninger, Chairman
Clay County Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 1366
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Dear Commissioner Renninger:

The Clay County Sheriff's Office requests approval to apply and submit applications for the following recurring and new grants for Fiscal Year 2024/2025:

1. **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, State Solicitation:** The funds support Clay County Drug Reduction and Enforcement Initiatives. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the grant and activities for the initiative are coordinated with the Green Cove Springs Police Department and Orange Park Police Department. Funds will be applied to investigative overtime costs associated with drug investigations and/or equipment. There is no match required.
2. **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Local Solicitation:** Funding will continue to support the technology improvement projects, such as our community connect project. There is no required match.
3. **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program:** For states and localities that incur correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanors, SCAAP will provide reimbursement for this cost.
4. **Other Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Grants:** New funding initiatives come out during the year sponsored by the Department of Justice that focus on Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness, advanced law enforcement training, equipment, technology advancement, and inmate reintegration programs, just to name a few. Most of these funding opportunities do not require match.

These grant applications will be executed by the Chairman or the County Manager in accordance with the County's Grants Management Policy ("Grants Policy"). Any applicable grant not listed above will be submitted for review and approval in accordance with the Grants Policy. Additionally, grant agreements/awards will be submitted for review and approval in accordance with the Grants Policy prior to the award execution.

As a matter of information, the Clay County Sheriff's Office applies for a variety of different grants that do not require the funds to pass through the County, but come directly to the agency. Most of these opportunities are recurring grants that assist with some personnel

expenses, but primarily equipment costs and include the following:

4. **Victims of Crime Act Grant:** Provides funding for the Victim Advocate position(s) in the form of salary, benefits, and training. Two full time advocate positions are funded through this grant.
2. **Florida Sheriff's Association Shared Asset Program:** Provides funding for law enforcement equipment that can be shared regionally with other agencies.
3. **Bulletproof Vest Partnership:** Funds from this grant help to offset the cost of purchasing bullet proof vests for our law enforcement personnel by covering 50% of the cost for each vest.
4. **Department of Education – Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis and Scott Beigel Guardian Grant Program:** Funds from this grant pay for training costs and liability insurance coverage for guardians assigned to the Clay County District Schools.
5. **Firehouse Subs-Public Safety Grant:** Funding has been used to purchase safety equipment for the agency. Previously, we have purchased AEDs for the Patrol Section with the goal to have an AED in every patrol unit.
6. **Other Smaller Miscellaneous Grants:** We also apply for funding from foundations and organizations with giving programs such as Walmart, Target, the Clay Action Coalition, Florida Sheriff's Association and others, to fund special community outreach initiatives and special programs like the Teen Driver Challenge. Funding amounts are usually \$5,000 or less.

We continue to seek every appropriate opportunity to meet the unfunded needs of the agency with grant monies. If you have any questions, please contact me at (904) 529-6069.

Sincerely,



Vicki Adams
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Howard Wanamaker, County Manager
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