



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: January 17, 2025
RE: FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Annual Allocation Grant Award

BACKGROUND

Each year Congress appropriates funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The US Bureau of Justice Statistics determines distribution through a formula that takes violent crime statistics and population into account. Eligible jurisdictions change every year, and the funds are distributed to those communities in need of additional assistance meeting funding and criminal justice needs.

SUMMARY

For 2024, Galveston County and the City of Galveston qualified and endeavor to equally share the JAG allocation. Galveston County serves as the applicant and fiscal agent for local jurisdictions. The total allocation for 2024 is \$30,609.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL AWARD	\$30,609.00 (10/1/2024 – 9/30/27)
Galveston County	\$15,305.00
City of Galveston	\$15,304.00
REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH	\$0.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider acceptance of the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award and authorize the County Judge to sign required documents.