



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: March 3, 2025
RE: FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Annual Allocation Grant | Interlocal Agreement

BACKGROUND

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

Galveston County applied for the 2024 formula amount in August of 2024 with a distribution of the funds being evenly divided between the two eligible entities: Galveston County and the City of Galveston.

SUMMARY

For FY 2024 Galveston County and the City of Galveston have qualified to equally share the JAG allocation. Galveston County serves as the applicant and fiscal agent for these three jurisdictions and an Interlocal Agreement is executed between the jurisdictions to administer the grant at the local level.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| TOTAL AWARD | \$30,609.00 (10/1/24 – 9/30/27) |
| Galveston County | \$15,305.00 |
| City of Galveston | \$15,304.00 |

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court consider approval of the Interlocal Government Agreement between the County of Galveston and the City of Galveston for the 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement.

Award #15PBJA-24-GG-04934-JAGX

**Interlocal Government Agreement
Between the County of Galveston,
and the City of Galveston**

2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award

This Interlocal Governmental Agreement is entered into in accordance with Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. It is by and between the County of Galveston, and the City of Galveston. The purpose is to agree to an equal split of the 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant award of **\$30,609.00**.

WHEREAS, the County of Galveston, acting on behalf of itself and the other parties, under joint award number 15PBJA-24-GG-04934-JAGX, applied for and agreed to act as fiscal agent for the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of **\$30,609.00**; and,

WHEREAS, each of the parties finds that the performance of this Agreement is in their best interest, that the undertaking of this Agreement will benefit the public and the equal division of the JAG award fairly compensates each party for the services or functions they are to render; and,

NOW; THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

Galveston County, as fiscal agent, agrees, within 45 days of the date of receipt of invoices and proof of payment for JAG approved project expenditures, to reimburse the City of Galveston up to \$15,304.00. Galveston County will retain the balance of the funds which will amount to at least \$15,305.00.

Section 2.

The funds each party receives will be used for the purposes set forth in the Program and FY 2024 Application Budget Narrative submitted to the US Department of Justice, which is incorporated herein for all purposes, unless subsequently modified in accordance with grant guidelines.

Section 3.

Each party to this Agreement will be responsible for its own action in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of services by the other party. Nothing in this Agreement; however, shall be construed to waive the doctrine of sovereign or other form of immunity of any party. Nor shall this Agreement be construed to be for the benefit of, or create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

Section 4a.

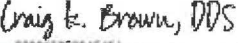
The parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein.

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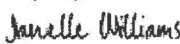
Section 4b.

The parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein.

City of Galveston

Signed by:

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Craig Brown
Galveston Mayor

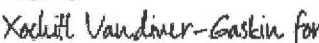
Attest:

Signed by:

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Janelle Williams
Galveston City Secretary



Executed and effective this 28th day of January, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:

ROCHELL VANDIVER-GASKIN
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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County of Galveston



Mark Henry
Galveston County Judge



Executed and effective this 17th day of MARCH, 2025.
