



Finance Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Motion to accept the award of the FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$38,024.00

Department:	District Attorney's Office
Presenter:	Elisabeth Ames Ruege
Caption:	Motion to accept the award of the FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$38,024.00.
Background:	The Augusta District Attorney's Office (DAO) in partnership with Jessye Norman School of the Arts (JNSA) has been awarded the BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to support and expand a youth diversion program with an arts-programming focus and asks the Commission to accept the funds.
Analysis:	Enrolled youth will partake in out-of-school time arts programming, and the arts programming is designed specifically to offset many of the high-risk factors that youth and at-risk students in Richmond County have a higher likelihood of encountering. Students who are not yet adjudicated must successfully complete at least 100 contact hours through this program to have their charges dismissed.
Financial Impact:	Aware of \$38,024.00 with no local cash match.
Alternatives:	Do not accept.
Recommendation:	Accept the award of the FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$38,024.00.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A

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APPROVED BY: