



Meeting Name

Meeting Date: 9/10/2024

Accept an award from Discretionary Community Project Grants- Office of Justice

Department: Richmond County Sheriff's Office

Presenter: Major Gerald Metzler

Caption: Accept an award from Discretionary Community Project Grants- Office of Justice

Background Department of Justice (DOJ) offered an open application process in March 2023. The Richmond County Sheriff's Office submitted an application to apply for grant funding and two projects were awarded totaling: \$1,007,000.00.

Information as follows:

RCSO Body Worn Camera program

Awarded: \$690,000.00

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office will use the funds from this grant to purchase additional Body Worn Cameras that will be implemented in an existing comprehensive BWC program. The new BWCs will replace outdated BWCs, expand the department's data storage capabilities, and make videos more accessible for follow-up investigations and as evidence in criminal proceedings.

RCSO Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Initiative

Awarded: \$317,000.00

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office proposes to implement a Mental Health Response Team. The purpose is to create a co-responder effort in Richmond County, Georgia between mental health clinicians, certified peer specialists, and law enforcement officers to assist on-scene dealing with individuals in active mental health crises and/or who need follow-up case management and treatment rather than placement in the criminal justice system. Project activities include creating two co-responder teams consisting of licensed clinician, CIT-trained deputy, and certified peer counselor to assist in dealing with people in mental health crisis and obtaining treatment as opposed to incarceration. Expected outcomes are to reduce the risk of serious injury or death during an emergency interaction between persons with mental illness and law enforcement officers, provide access to mental health treatment rather than placement in the criminal justice system, and to provide to safety, understanding and compassion when dealing with mental health related calls for service. The co-responder team will attempt to restore the person to a pre-crisis level. The team will also work with community partners to provide affected

individuals and support individuals with community resources and case management

Analysis:

N/A

Financial Impact:

This is a 100% reimbursable grant. Upon completion of purchases, RCSO will submit reimbursement request to Department of Justice.

Alternatives:

N/A

Recommendation:

Accept the award amount \$1,007,000.00 from Department of Justice (DOJ)

Funds are available in the following accounts:

N/A-100% Reimbursable from grant

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

N/A