

Staff Report

Subject: Application ratification and award acceptance for GEMA Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) grant for ECSO

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Item Description: Consideration to ratify ECSO's GAP grant application and accept the GAP grant award

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends ratifying ECSO's application for the GAP grant, and acceptance of the award.

Executive Summary:

The State of Georgia set aside funds from the Fiscal Year 2024 state budget for a competitive grant to facilitate gang activity prosecutions in the state. Successful applicants must show a commitment to (and ideally a track record of) successful prosecutions of gang activity. Favorable consideration will be given to counties with both prosecutors and law enforcement applying in tandem or in support of one another, as they are more likely to result in successful prosecutions. State agencies and nonprofits must articulate how their work will result in prosecutions. Cost-share or match is not currently required for the FY 2024 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant.

Background:

1. This is a reimbursement grant.
2. The awarded funding amount is \$40,000.
3. There is no cost share requirement.
4. ECSO intends to use the funds to be the host agency for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit's Formulytics software, a software package used for monitoring and tracking gang-related activity.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Ratify the GAP grant application and accept the award.
2. Do not ratify the GAP grant application and do not accept the award
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

1. Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Ratify the GAP grant application and accept the award.

Other Alternatives: N/A **Department Review:** ECSO, Finance

Funding Source: No cost share requirement.

Attachments:

GAP grant application
GAP grant award letter