



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Kari Bastow, Interim Director
2. **Department:** Finance & Administration
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026
4. **Requested Action:**

Authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Certificate of Participation electing for Levy County to decline to serve as the coordinating unit of government for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.
5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

There is no cost associated with this item.
6. **Justification of Request:**

Historically, this grant has funded equipment for municipal police departments within Levy County. If the Board declines to serve as the coordinating unit of government, the Chair will execute the required Certificate for submission to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). FDLE will then contact the governing bodies of the municipalities, in descending order of population, to identify a coordinating unit of government. This would allow the municipalities to administer the grant directly.

If the County were to accept serving as the coordinating unit of government for the grant, it would have obligations to fulfill, including facilitating a process to secure agreement on the best use of funds within the jurisdiction, applying for the grant, procuring the specified equipment, complying with any special terms imposed on the grant, placing the grant-funded equipment into service, and completing the post-award paperwork.