



Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Ryan Brackley, Assistant District Attorney, 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office

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Subject:
2:45 PM *Grant Opportunity: OAJJA: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program | Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

Purpose and Request:
The purpose of this request is for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider approving the electronic submission of a grant application to the State of Colorado Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistant to provide funding for crime victims and witness protection.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Safe and Healthy Communities - Enhance victim services and support for survivors that have been harmed by crime.

Background and Discussion: The 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office would like to submit a grant application to the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistant to provide funding for crime victims and witness protection.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program supports funding for crime victims and witness protection.

The 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office has identified a critical operational need to strengthen its Witness Protection Program as the FLEX Unit continues to manage high-risk victims and witnesses facing intimidation, retaliation, domestic violence, gang involvement, human trafficking, and violent crime-related threats. The desired outcome is to improve victim and witness safety, protect confidential relocation efforts, enhance communication and investigative response, support VRA compliance, reduce liability, and ensure victims and witnesses can safely remain engaged in the prosecution process.

The District Attorney's Office will not be partnering with any external partners on this grant.

The deadline to apply for this grant is July 10, 2026. The grant period lasts 3 years.

Alternatives: The Board could decline to move forward with this request as presented or determine another amount.

Fiscal Impact: If approved as presented, the fiscal impact to Arapahoe County will be a small amount of staff time to submit the grant application and \$462,634.29 in grant funds received over the course of three years if the application is successful.

Alignment with Strategic Implementation Strategies: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends moving forward with the grant application as presented.

Concurrence: N/A