



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

Date: July 6, 2026

Subject: Resolution No. 23-26 – RESOLUTION approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2025 Local Solicitation and recognizing the County Executive’s authority to act in connection with the grant

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 23-26.

Summary

This Resolution, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, approves Anne Arundel County’s application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“BJAG”) Program federal FY 2025 Local Solicitation in the amount of \$144,724, with \$0 matching funds. The grant will fund personnel, supplies, and other expenses in the State's Attorney's Office, Circuit Drug Court, Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, Mental Health Agency, Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Health.

In the State’s Attorney Office (SAO), the grant funds the employment of a contractual full-time paralegal who vets participants for legal qualifications into the drug courts. The grant funds will support 70% of the paralegal’s salary with a subsidiary to fringe costs for a total of \$47,577.

Included in the Health Department’s portion of the BJAG grant is a subsidy of a Health Department Drug Treatment Case Manager that is assigned to the District Drug Court. The BJAG funds are required because a grant from the Office of Problem-Solving Courts only supports about 87% of the case manager’s salary. The BJAG grant funds will be used to support the remaining portion of the full-time case manager’s salary and fringe costs, totaling \$9,297.

The Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families will use their

Note: This Legislative and Fiscal Summary provides a synopsis of the legislation as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the legislation.

BJAG funding allocation to support a Community Conferencing Coordinator and a Department of Juvenile Services Mentoring Coordinator. The Community Conferencing Coordinator program diverts youth from both the school discipline and juvenile justice systems while The Department of Juvenile Services Mentoring Program offers life skills, social skills, conflict resolution and accountability for youth who are under Department of Juvenile Services supervision. The grant funds 85% of salary and fringe costs for the two Coordinators for a total of \$54,500.

The Adult Drug Court will utilize \$1,033 to pay for the cost of producing adult drug court participant calendars, participant handbooks, graduation invitations and programs in addition to day to day office supplies for the case managers and drug court assessors. The Drug Courts also provide educational materials to their participants. Each participant receives books published by Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. These materials include lessons on the "Twelve Steps", inspirational readings, and "how to" information about recovery and rebuilding your life and community.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health will coordinate working with the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency to administer funding to support assistance for those in the criminal justice system who are exhibiting Co-occurring Disorders. The Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency will utilize several providers as well as the vendor "Interventions" to serve this population. The \$20,859 allotment will support assessment and up to 12 visits to assist this population and arrange for referrals to other programs to provide services to up to 75 individuals so they will not become an additional burden on the criminal justice system. This contractor will invoice Anne Arundel County through the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency who will provide the financial and programmatic reporting.

There will be four (4) cell phones supplied to the employees of the drug court programs. The phones are for daily call-ins, including nights and weekends, by drug court participants and for urgent communications between the case managers and the program coordinator. Case managers often do home visits and the phones provide a level of security for the employee. Cell phone costs are 4 phones at \$47.00 (approx.) per month for an annual budget of \$2,274.

The Sheriff's Office mobile application is a new tool which went live in March 2021 and became available for free through app stores in May 2021. This new app is designed to deliver a host of information to individuals and communities at a single point, your smartphone. The app gives access to victim resources, the VINELink inmate search tool, sex offender database, and court information. The app also has a portal for citizen complaints and concerns. The annual recurring cost is \$7,399 which will allow the Sheriff's Office to continue to expand community relations and get timely information into the hands of our citizens.

A resolution is necessary to confirm the County's support for the application, as the guidelines for the Pursuant to the Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") statute (34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(2)), a JAG application must be made available for review by the governing body of the applicant jurisdiction, or to an organization designated by that governing body, at least 30 days prior to that application being submitted to the awarding agency for funding. Anne Arundel County Charter Section 1014 provides that whenever State or Federal law confers a power or duty on the County by language that refers to "the local governing body" or by similar language, any action required of the County shall be taken by the County Executive and then referred to the County Council for confirmation.

Purpose

The purpose of this Resolution is to confirm the County's support for an application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for a grant under the BJAG Program for federal FY 2025 in the amount of \$144,724.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the fiscal note that the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this resolution.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Resolution. Specific questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bobbitt, Department of Health, or Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law. Thank you.

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