

**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (JAG24-COUNTYWIDE); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Countywide (JAG-C) Program focuses on improving the criminal justice system by funding initiatives within local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant offers an opportunity for DeSoto County to receive \$26,094.00 in total funding to implement programs in Law Enforcement, as more particularly set forth in the application; and

**WHEREAS**, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office is experiencing a need for the replacement of existing equipment and can directly benefit from the aforementioned grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the grant materials, the County has determined that nothing contained in the grant application negatively impacts the interests of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**SECTION 1.** The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact. The Board of County Commissioners further finds that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement under Florida's Justice Assistance Grant Program is declared to be a workable program for providing needed replacement equipment for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office indicated in the proposed application.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the Sheriff of DeSoto County, Florida, or his designee, to submit an application seeking funding assistance through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Countywide (JAG-C) and to execute any other paperwork necessary to, or associated with, the grant application. The Board of County Commissioners further authorizes the County Administrator, as the Chief Executive of the County, to sign all necessary certifications and assurances necessary to apply for and receive the referenced grant award.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**ATTEST:**

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

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JC Deriso  
Chairman

Approved as to form and  
Legal sufficiency:

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Valerie Vicente, County Attorney