



MARION COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**TO:** MICHELLE STONE, CHAIR

**FROM:** Caitlin Rath, Grants Coordinator

**DATE:** October 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2023-2027 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM - \$65,805

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. The US Department of Justice has made \$65,805 available to Marion County that may be used for law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, technology improvements, and more. In years past, the Board has delegated application authority to the Sheriff's Office to prepare and submit the JAG grant application. The funds for the 2023-2027 grant period are requested to support the following programs:

**Marion County Sheriff's Office – Investigations - \$55,805**

The Marion County Sheriff's Office will utilize grant funds for equipment in the Detective Bureau. Detectives from Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Drug Unit and the Intelligence Unit will utilize surveillance equipment for operations to combat violent crimes and conduct surveillance to mitigate crime.

**Marion County 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court – Drug Court Program - \$10,000**

The Marion County Drug Court Program will utilize grant funds for drug screens, which are required of participants enrolled in the program.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Grant revenue of \$65,805. (No local match required)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1) Motion to delegate application authority for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program as described to the Sheriff's Office.
- 2) Motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Certifications and Assurances form for electronic submission.

Billy Woods, Sheriff