

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: State of Colorado, Behavioral Health Administration Jail Based Behavioral Services (JBBS) Program Request and Acceptance

Presented by: David Kribs, Budget & Finance Director, JCSO

Date: 5/13/2025

☐ For Information

☐ For Discussion/Board Direction

☒ Consent to
Place on Business/
Hearing Agenda

Issue: The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) requires support from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to submit a grant application to the State of Colorado, Behavioral Health Administration in the amount of \$590,000 and accept funding for the period 7/1/25 – 6/30/26. The award will cover Jail Based Behavioral services (JBBS) programs in Jefferson County Detentions.

Background: The state of Colorado, Behavioral Health Administration offers funding to units of local government operating detentions facilities. For over a decade, the Jefferson County Detentions Facility has received funding to provide JBBS services to inmates. The program has become a valuable resource to both inmates and the JCSO staff; this grant is a continuation of the program. Participating inmates benefit from a variety of behavioral health services, substance use treatment, and re-entry support.

Discussion: The following contractors will provide JBBS Services: Creative Treatment Options, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, and Vitalcore. Contractors will work with Detentions staff to provide services to inmates. Specifically, this funding allows for 2-3 substance abuse counselors who provide individual and group treatment to address ongoing addiction issues that inmates are facing as well as a case manager to assist with resources and stability when released. It also allows 1-2 mental health counselors who help diagnose individuals and arrange appropriate resources in and outside of the jail for medication and ongoing treatment, many of whom have never received proper treatment and self-medicated in other ways. The final part is for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program which includes a nurse who administers the appropriate medication. This allows individuals to receive the help they need before release in order to minimize risk of

relapse, or overdose in the community. The JBBS funding will also cover 100% of the salary and benefits of the JBBS Coordinator. This Coordinator will manage the day-to-day operations of the program and coordinate services with all providers. The focus of the JBBS funds is to help individuals who will be re-entering the community and offer services and support to minimize their risk of recidivism.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ yes ☐ no

This is a state grant for an anticipated award amount up to \$590,000 for the Sheriff's Office General Fund (estimating \$295,000 in 2025 and \$295,000 to FY2026). The grant period is July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The state retains the right to modify the 2025 – 2026 budget without approval from the County. In the event the budget is decreased the JCSO is prepared to modify its other proposed project plans to fund the program using budgeted funds if available. If budgeted funds are not available, the program will cease.

- Year(s) of impact: 2025 and 2026
- Existing grant or project: Yes
- New grant or project: No, JBBS is ongoing
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: Ongoing
- General Fund impact: Yes
- Staffing impact: No
- Match requirements: No
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: No

SPA Review: Micah Badana, 4/15/2025

Support, no concern.

The Sheriff's Office has historically applied for and been awarded this grant.

County Attorney Review: Kurtis Behn, approved, 5/5/25

Facilities Review: No Fiscal Impact, Mark Danner, 5/6/25

BIT Review: No Fiscal Impact, Kara Dorobek, 5/6/25

Fleet Review: No Fiscal Impact, Janice Mayer, 5/6/25

County Human Resources Review (new FTE only): Does not apply, no fiscal impact

Recommendations: Staff recommend that the Board of County Commissioners support staff's actions to submit a grant application to the State of Colorado, Behavioral Health Administration, in the amount of \$590,000 and if awarded an agenda item be brought to a future hearing requesting that the Board of County Commissioners supplement \$295,000 to 2025 and include \$295,000 in the 2026 Sheriff's Office General Fund budget.

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