

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: FY26 Congressional Directed Spending Request & Acceptance  
submitted to Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper &  
Representative Brittany Pettersen**

**Presented by: David Kribs, Budget and Finance Director, JCSO**

**Date: 7/8/2025**

☐ 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) for prior submission of three project requests for Congressionally Directed Spending Fiscal Year (FY26) to Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper and Representative Brittany Pettersen for the federal fiscal year 2026. Project proposals were due and submitted on March 24, 2025.

**Background:** This is a one-time request for three projects: In-custody Biometric Wristband monitoring in the amount of \$781,512; Forward/Remote Incident Commands Post Operations in the amount of \$366,000; and an Emergency Management Radio Cache Project in the amount of \$474,040. All three projects have been submitted via a shared form to Senate Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper and Representative Pettersen. They will review our project requests and determine if the requests align with their vision and should be included in the FY26 Congressionally Directed Federal Spending bill. The estimated award dates are 1/1/26 – 12/31/26.

**Discussion:** All three projects are high priority needs within the Sheriff's Office but are not included in future years budgets.

Project #1: JCSO has seen an increase in the number of individuals entering custody with substance use disorders. This has led to a higher incidence of serious medical events, emergencies and fatalities. Funding will be used to purchase biometric wristbands to electronically monitor inmates to improve healthcare and enable timely medical intervention.

Project #2: Funding will be used for upgrading and purchasing of equipment to provide a state-of-the-art forward Command Post, purchasing a communications unit that functions in our remote areas and the purchase of

a personnel support trailer for extensive deployments.

Project #3: JCSO has previously been working to connect counties by supporting interoperable communications. Funding will be used for purchasing new radios that offer greater capacity and capabilities for all large-scale incident responses. These upgrades would help support Jefferson County's Incident Management Team (IMT) as a region wide asset and these assets will create better support for future wildland fire response or any other large-scale incidents.

**Fiscal Impact:** ☒ yes ☐ no

There is no match requirement. This is federal funding, with all projects part of the General Fund with expected impact to be in 2026. If we do not receive an award for funding for any of the projects the Sheriff is prepared to modify its other proposed project plans to fund the Biometric Wristband program, if available. The JCSO does not expect the other projects to be covered by General Funds if not awarded.

- Year(s) of impact: 2026
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time funded grant
- General Fund impact: Yes
- Staffing impact: No
- Match requirements: No match required
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

**SPA Review:** Micah Badana, 6/5/2025

Support, no concern.

This is a federal grant for the Sheriff's Office General Fund with no match requirement.

**County Attorney Review:** Approved, Kurtis Behn, 6/10/2025

**Facilities Review:** No fiscal impact, Mark Danner, 6/10/2025

**BIT Review:** Support, Rebecca Hascall, 6/13/25

**Fleet Review:** No fiscal impact. Janice Mayer, June 10, 2025

**County Human Resources Review:** No FTE

**Recommendations:** Staff recommend that the Board of County Commissioners support the submission prior to briefing of three grant applications for Congressionally Directed Spending and if awarded, that the BCC support including in a future budget supplemental.

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