

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: FY24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)**

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

**Date: 7/30/2024**

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to  
Place on Business/  
Hearing Agenda

**Issue:** The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) requires approval and ratification by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of the submission of a grant application, due July 29, to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Grants Specialist, requesting reimbursement of costs incurred for the detention of undocumented criminal aliens from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

**Background:** State and local governments bear the costs associated with incarcerating undocumented foreign-born inmates when they enter the criminal justice system. Jefferson County has been in the past and is currently burdened with the costs associated with incarcerating undocumented foreign-born inmates. In response to the increasing costs associated with housing these inmates, the federal government has initiated a grant reimbursement program, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, to provide reimbursement for the cost of housing eligible inmates beyond the 4 days supported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**Discussion:** The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) requests information regarding eligible inmates detained in the Jefferson County Detentions Center. For an individual to be included in the SCAAP data they must meet three criteria: incarcerated for at least four consecutive days during the reporting period, the individual is undocumented and not a U.S. citizen, and the individual has been convicted of at least one felony or two misdemeanors. An inmate record is required as part of the application along with Correctional Officer data and salary, and total inmate days within the reporting period.

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes  no

There is no match requirement. This is a Federal grant for an estimated amount not to exceed of \$250,000 for the General Fund in the Sheriff’s Office 2024 or 2025 Budget. The revenue received is expected to be used “only for correctional purposes”.

- Year of impact: 2024 or 2025
- TABOR impact: No, this is federal funding

- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: Yes
- Staffing impact: No
- ARPA impact: No
- Match requirements: No
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

**Revenue Limits Impact:**  yes  no

There is no TABOR Fiscal Year Spending Limit impact, the revenue source is a federal grant.

**SPA Review:** Support, no concern.

This request is to accept a federal grant award in the Sheriff's Office 2024 or 2025 Budget. The Sheriff's Office applies for this grant annually to receive reimbursement of costs incurred for the detention of undocumented criminal aliens.

**County Attorney Review:** Kurtis Behn approved, 7/2/24

**Facilities Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**BIT Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**Fleet Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

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

**Recommendations:** The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (BCC) directs that the awarded funds be included in a supplemental appropriation to the Sheriff's Office Budget if necessary.

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