



Cherokee County, Georgia Agenda Request

SUBJECT: MEETING DATE: Amendment: Remove from Agenda. November 21, 2023

SUBMITTED BY:

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Consider accepting ARPA grant award passed through the Georgia Courts for Calendar Years 2024 and 2025 in the total amount of \$947,938.00 and consider authorizing a budget amendment in the total amount of \$1,206,337.00 which allocates funding for Calendar Year 2024 award of \$543,434.00 and the remaining balance for Calendar Year 2023 award of \$662,903.00.

On June 6, 2023, the Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to accept State Court ARPA funds for Calendar Year 2023 award making the 2023 award a total of \$1,413,221.00; as of September 30, 2023, a total of \$750,318.00 has been spent to address the Court Backlog caused by COVID-19. Therefore, there are \$662,903.00 in Calendar Year 2023 contract funds remaining to be allocated to County FY2024. These funds are allowed to roll over year to year by the State and Federal terms of the award.

On November 9, 2023, the Court Administrator was notified that their application for Calendar Year 2024 and Calendar Year 2025 funding was approved in the amounts of \$543,434.00 and \$404,504.00 respectively. The Calendar Year 2024 funds need to be allocated to the adopted County Fiscal Year 2024 budget in the amount of \$543,434.00. The 2024 Award includes the addition of a new full time Pre-trial Administrator position for the Court Administration Department. The position is funded by the Federal grant for 24 months (Calendar Years 2024 and 2025); after 12/31/2025 (County FY2026), the position will need to be eliminated or included in the General Fund budget as a new FTE (full-time equivalent).

The attached budget amendment is required to allocate available Federal grant funds to the Court Administration budget. The budget amendment total is \$1,206,337.00 which is the balance of the 2023 Award of \$662,903.00 plus the 2024 Award total of \$543,434.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

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