



Fulton County

Legislation Text

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Department

District Attorney

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of an award without competition - District Attorney, 2021 U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), BJA Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) Grant, Grant Award No. 15PBJA-21-GG-04117-BCJI with Applied Research Services named as a sub-awardee in the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$183,000.00. Effective upon BOC approval through the term of the Grant. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

In accordance with Purchasing Code Section 102-384, after conducting a good faith review, the Purchasing Department has determined there is only one source available for the required supply, service or construction item, the request shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Justice and Safety

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☒
- District 1 ☐
- District 2 ☐
- District 3 ☐
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

Is this a purchasing item?

Yes

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

The Fulton County District Attorney recommends approval of the subrecipient contract with Applied Research Services, Inc. Applied Research Services (ARS) is the only research agency in Georgia with full access for research purposes to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC), Georgia Department of Community Supervision, and Georgia Department of Corrections databases. ARS is the contractual Research Provider for the Georgia

Bureau of Investigations. Any research request using GCIC data must be made to the GBI, which upon approving of the request, forwards the data request to ARS for data provision and cleaning. ARS receives regular, updated extracts of the GCIC database from GBI for the contractual research work they provide to the Office of Planning and Budget's Offender Project Committee. The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJS) grants funds to create a cross-sector community collaboration to effectively address violent gang crime issues and advance broad community redevelopment goals. The multi sector community collaboration is comprised of criminal justice agencies, service providers, researchers and community-based organizations to generate neighborhood revitalization and produce sustainable reductions in gang violent crime in targeted hotspots. The cross-sector collaboration will use data driven, place based crime prevention and community redevelopment strategies identified by ARS.

Scope of Work: Through the grant, ARS will research and examine crime data from Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia Crime Information Center, the Atlanta Police Department, and the City of South Fulton Police Department to determine exact crime hotspots, examine crime drivers and recommend evidence-based models for lead to successful investigation and prosecution of leaders of gang enterprises. ARS research will provide high level analysis of crime data to find patterns and trends that will inform the problem-solving activities and crime prevention delivery of policing, investigative, and collaborative efforts with the community to address crime.

Community Impact: Fulton County is facing accelerating rates of violent crime driving by gangs. The Georgia Gang Investigators Association (GGIA) estimates that between 70 and 80 percent of all violent crimes and property crimes are gang-connected. Atlanta police have investigated 70 homicide cases in 2021, a 58% increase over this time last year. The Atlanta Police Department (APD) estimates that there are 3,000 gang members, 149 gangs, and 155 gang subsets in Atlanta. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) estimates that there are 2 to 4 gang members in Georgia for every 1,000 people (20,000 - 40,000 gang members in Georgia). With a population of 1,063,937, using that formula, Fulton County has an estimated gang population of 2,000 to 4,000.

Department Recommendation: The Department recommends approval

Project Implications: Violent crime will be reduced, suppressed and deterred by focusing on exact hotspots, examining crime drivers and using data and evidence-based models to lead to successful investigation and prosecution of leaders of gang enterprises. Additionally, at risk youth engaged with or at risk of joining the gang enterprise will be provided diversion programming and in-depth wrap around services to the youth and their families. Finally, residents in hotspots will be connected services like trauma informed counseling, utility assistance and programs to find jobs

Community Issues/Concerns: The District Attorney is not aware of any community concerns regarding the sub recipient partner

Department Issues/Concerns: The District Attorney is not aware of any community concerns regarding the sub recipient partner

Contract Modification: This is a new request.

Contract & Compliance Information *(Provide Contractor and Subcontractor details.)*

Not Applicable

Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

Exhibit 1: Award Letter and Grant Narrative

Exhibit 2: Subrecipient Scope of Work

Contact Information *(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

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Contract Attached

Yes

Previous Contracts

No

Total Contract Value

Original Approved Amount: \$0.00
Previous Adjustments: \$0.00
This Request: \$183,000.00
TOTAL: \$183,000.00

Grant Information Summary

Amount Requested: \$183,000.00
Match Required:
Start Date: 10/1/2021
End Date: 9/30/2024
Match Account \$:

☐ Cash
☐ In-Kind
☒ Approval to Award
☐ Apply & Accept

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source

Funding Line 1:

461-480-BG21

Key Contract Terms	
Start Date: Date of BOC Approval	End Date: 9/30/2024

Cost Adjustment:	Renewal/Extension Terms: Due to COVID backlogs, DOJ is annually extending grant ending dates.
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Overall Contractor Performance Rating:

Would you select/recommend this vendor again?

Yes

Report Period Start:
Date of BOC Approval

Report Period End:
9/30/2024