



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 8/1/2018

**TITLE:**

Authorizing Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Program Grants

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** To authorize the Board Chair to execute Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Certifications and Assurances.

**ITEM TYPE:** Consent Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Lantz, Allshouse, L., Bittle

**PRESENTER (S):** Holly Bittle

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:**

**BACKGROUND:** For the past five years, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has provided grant funds through the Edward Byrne JAG Program that support enhanced community policing projects and activities. The County applied for the FY2017 grant on September 5, 2017. In accord with the County's grant application process, the Interim County Executive signed certain required "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government." (Attachment A)

The County was conditionally awarded its FY2017 grant on June 26, 2018. However, on July 26, 2018, DOJ indicated that it would not accept the Certifications and Assurances previously signed by the Interim County Executive. Instead, for purposes of these grants, DOJ now considers the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to be the "Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of Local Government." This is a change from previous years when the County Executive's signature was sufficient.

In order for the County to receive the FY2017 grant funds that it has been conditionally awarded, the Chief Executive (as determined by DOJ) must sign and submit the FY2017 Certifications and Assurances by August 3, 2018. The deadline for the FY2018 grant application (not yet awarded) is August 22, 2018.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Quality Government Operations Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** The funding from these grants will provide the Albemarle County Police Department's Community Support Services Division additional resources to develop, often working directly with citizens, overtime projects and activities involving problem solving, crime prevention, community relationship building and safety enhancement.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Signature on the FY2017 Certifications and Assurances for the Edward Byrne JAG Program Local Solicitations will result in acceptance of a \$14,237.00 in grant funds for its Community Policing Program. The County will also apply for an additional \$12,388.00 in FY2018 grant funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment C) authorizing the Chair to sign Certifications and Assurances for the Edward Byrne JAG Program, once approved by the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - FY2017 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Certifications and Assurances
- B - FY2018 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Certifications and Assurances
- C - Resolution