



## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable KP George, County Judge  
Honorable Vincent Morales, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Honorable Grady Prestage, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Honorable Andy Meyers, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Honorable Ken DeMerchant, Commissioner, Precinct 4

**FROM:** Frances Desmond, Grants Program Manager

**DATE:** July 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced availability of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Fort Bend County's allocation is **\$53,123**, a decrease of nearly 10% from last year. The grant funds continue to decline each year.

The County traditionally uses JAG funds to support all eligible law enforcement agencies with purchases directly applicable to criminal justice activities, including equipment, supplies and training.

The JAG Review Committee considers each agency's requests for the funds. All of the JAG Committee members are static, except for the Constable position which rotates between each precinct annually. The Committee will prepare the final budget and make a non-binding recommendation for the Court.

The grant application will appear on upcoming Court agendas.

Committee members are:

- Judge Juli Mathew, County Court-at-Law #3 (Committee Chair)
- Daryl Smith, Constable, Precinct 2
- Kyle Dobbs, Executive Director, Juvenile Probation
- John Placette, Investigator, County Attorney's Office
- Ashley Smith, Grants Coordinator, Sheriff's Office

Should you have any questions or need more information please contact me at [frances.desmond@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:frances.desmond@fortbendcountytexas.gov). Thank you.