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SEP 22 2014

REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates

SUBMITTED BY: Rexann Knowles

TODAY'S DATE: 9/16/2014

DEPARTMENT:

COUNTY JUDGE

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

X _____

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE:

September 22, 2014

SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING: Consideration to accept the award payment in the amount of \$33,945.00 from the US Department of Justice for the 2014 SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program)

PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM: Holly Morris

SUPPORT MATERIAL: (Must enclose supporting documentation)

TIME: 2 minutes

ACTION ITEM: X

WORKSHOP: _____

(Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item) **CONSENT: _____**

EXECUTIVE: _____

STAFF NOTICE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY: XX

IT DEPARTMENT: _____

AUDITOR:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: _____

PERSONNEL: _____

PUBLIC WORKS: _____

BUDGET COORDINATOR: _____

OTHER: _____

*******This Section to be Completed by County Judge's Office*******

ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: _____

REQUEST RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____

COURT MEMBER APPROVAL _____ Date _____

Rexann H. Knowles

From: JBI Help Desk <JBHelpDesk@justicebenefitsinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 2:57 PM
To: Rexann H. Knowles
Subject: WONDERFUL NEWS!!! The FY 2014 SCAAP Awards Have Been Announced

Importance: High

Justice Benefits, Inc.

September 4, 2014

VIA EMAIL

Rexann Knowles
Johnson County, TX

RE: WONDERFUL NEWS!!! The FY 2014 SCAAP Awards have been announced

Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI) is very excited to inform you that the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has released the Award Payment List for the FY2014 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

Congratulations! Johnson County was awarded
\$33,945.00

BJA typically activates the drawdown link in the Grants Management System within one week. At that time you be able to accept your award. Once we (JBI) discover that BJA has activated the drawdown link in the GMS, we will email you the detailed drawdown procedures. JBI's Help Desk will also be available to provide assistance with the drawdown procedure, if needed. Please feel free to call us at 800-576-3518.

Reminder - There is a deadline to drawdown the money. Once you receive the official notification from BJA that your award is available for drawdown, you must accept your award through the GMS within 45 calendar days. Once 45 days elapses, the award may no longer be available.

Finally and most importantly, we would like to commend the many individuals on your staff for the wonderful spirit of cooperation in working with JBI as we analyzed data and prepared Johnson County's claim. It was only through the "partnership" of Johnson County and JBI that led to the ultimate success of this most deserved FY2014 SCAAP award.

As we have in past years, attached at the end of this email you will also find a document that can be used as a press release suitable for your local newspaper and other media.

Please do not hesitate to contact JBI regarding any questions you might have. We are happy to help!

Sincerely,
Amy E. Hoffmann
Senior Vice President
Justice Benefits, Inc.

Contact - Kimberly King, Sr. Vice President of Business Development
JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC.
Ph: 1-800-835-2164

September 4, 2014
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release

Johnson County Awarded Federal Reimbursement from the FY2014 SCAAP

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the award of \$33,945.00 to Johnson County, TX, to reimburse some of the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have committed serious crimes in the United States. The goal of this program is to enhance public safety in communities throughout the nation.

This opportunity originates from federally mandated programs that the County is providing at local cost. As many local entities are aware, the Federal Government drives local political entities to assume more responsibility for the administration and delivery of government services. Many times these services are funded with local dollars.

However, in some cases there are federal funding opportunities available, if the proper request is made. Identifying federal funding stream opportunities and then properly applying for them are not simple or easy tasks. The interaction between federal, state, and local political entities is complex, and often unwieldy for most local political entities.

An aggressive program of researching and applying for little known federal programs to supplement the local tax burden was implemented by engaging Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI) for assistance.

JBI is a public sector consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas, that specializes in locating and accessing hard-to-find federal reimbursements for local and state entities. JBI does the research, gathers and analyzes the data, and completes all necessary information to be included in the application. As a result of JBI's expertise and experience, Johnson County was able to maximize its dollar amount on this application. Johnson County was one of only 857 (out of 3,140) eligible local entities across the U.S. that successfully applied for these dollars.