



# ***Dale County Commission***

## **Commission Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024**

The Dale County Commission convened in a regular session Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The following members were present: District One Commissioner Chris Carroll; District Two Commissioner Donald O. Grantham; District Three Commissioner Adam Enfinger; and District Four Commissioner Frankie Wilson. Absent: Chairman Steve McKinnon. The Vice-Chairman. Chris Carroll. conducted the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Chris Carroll called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Commissioner Wilson opened with prayer. Commissioner Grantham followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVED – AGENDA, MINUTES & MEMORANDUM OF WARRANTS**

Commissioner Enfinger made a motion to approve the agenda.

#### **Memorandum of Warrants:**

- Accounts Payable Check Numbers: 100384 – 100546.
- Payroll Check Numbers: 154989 – 154989.
- Direct Deposit Check Numbers: 430173 - 430314.

Minutes: Commission Meeting of September 24, 2024.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

### **APPROVED – ARPA SHERIFF UNIFORMS**

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve an amended resolution for ARPA expenditures for Sheriff uniforms. Exhibit 1.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – ARPA ROAD PROJECTS**

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve potential resurfacing projects under the resolution that was approved on September 24, 2024.

Commissioner Enfinger seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVED – DEPT OF YOUTH SERVICES GRANT**

Commissioner Grantham made a motion to approve an Alabama Dept of Youth Services grant. Exhibit 2.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Carroll announced that the next regular meeting of the Dale County Commission will be Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 10:00am.

**ADJOURNMENT: CONFIRMATORY STATEMENT**

Commissioner Enfinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

It is hereby ordered the foregoing documents, resolutions, etc., be duly confirmed and entered into the minutes of the Dale County Commission as its official actions.



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**Steve McKinnon, Chairman**

# RESOLUTION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

**Exhibit 1**

**WHEREAS**, Dale County, Alabama (the "County") has received American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Final Rule published by the United States Department of Treasury dated January 6, 2022, the County has elected a standard allowance of up to \$10,000,000 of its ARPA funds, not to exceed the County's total ARPA funds award, as revenue replacement ("Revenue Replacement funds"); and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA Revenue Replacement funds may be used to support government services, like the outfitting of law enforcement including, but not limited to, uniforms, duty gear, and body armor; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that the procurement of the following goods from the following vendor is a necessary, reasonable, and proportionate measure to facilitate the provision of these government services:

Twenty-eight bullet proof vests and carriers from Gulf States Distributors for \$26,684.00; and

Duty gear, including 28 gun pouches and flashlight cases, 29 handcuff cases, 21 Taser cases, and 27 portable radio cases from CopsPlus for \$6,213.55; and

Uniforms, including pants and shirts, from CopsPlus for \$5,868.36; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified the vendors from which to procure these goods in a manner consistent with state laws and guidelines and the County's regular policies and procedures, including compliance with the Treasury's Final Rule.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

1) The County shall use up to \$8,765.91 of ARPA funds, which are hereby designated as Revenue Replacement funds, to facilitate the provision of the government services described herein.

2) The County Administrator is hereby authorized to expend these funds to purchase these goods as described herein from the designated vendors to facilitate the provision of these services.

3) The ARPA Program Director is charged with ensuring that Revenue Replacement funds allocated and expended to provide these government services will not be used in such a way as to frustrate COVID-19 mitigation guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control, or for any other use prohibited by the Final Rule or any applicable state or federal law.

4) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any expenses not obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Dale County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 8th day of October, 2024.



Steve McKinnon, Chairman  
Dale County Commission

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES  
AGENCY GRANT AGREEMENT  
Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025

The Alabama Department of Youth Services hereby awards to

**Dale County Commission**  
(Fiscal Agent, hereinafter called Recipient)

the amount of **One hundred fifty-six thousand and no/100 dollars (\$156,000.00)**.

These funds shall be used for non-residential diversion services for **Dale County** youth who would otherwise be committed to the Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS). Based on youth needs, the **Dale County Juvenile Court (DCJC)** will develop or collaborate in the development of a diversion program, which may include the identification and selection of community providers. As a result of the interventions funded by these monies and based on the estimates provided in the grant application, the program will provide diversion services to **44** youth annually with an ongoing capacity of **22** youth at any given time. Thereby aiding in a reduction of county commitments to **DYS** (including CLIMB, formerly known as HIT), barring a significant increase in serious juvenile crime (i.e. violent felonies, felony sex offenses). To assist juvenile courts in the provision of services for children in need of supervision (CHINS), **DYS** will permit the program to provide diversion services to no more than **10%** of youth with CHINS offenses.

These funds shall be utilized for the following purpose/activities:

*The Dale County Juvenile Court Services is a community reinforcement program designed to divert low to very high risk youth from **DYS** commitment. Pathway, Inc. services are individualized to address the unique risks and needs of each youth. Interventions will focus on performance-based outcomes for youth and their families, and use those outcomes to determine program efficacy and youth progress.*

The program that receives funding from this grant will:

- Serve youth who would have historically been committed to the Alabama Department of Youth Services (CLIMB or regular **DYS**) in the absence of the funded program. Specifically, this includes youth with the following characteristics:
  - Males / Females between the ages of 12 – 18
  - Delinquent youth with a medium to high risk of re-arrest, as determined by the risk assessment instrument available on the **DYS** website
- Be developed by or in collaboration with the **Dale County Juvenile Court (DCJC)**.
- Conduct regular self-evaluations of program effectiveness, including evaluations that track outcomes for children served by the program (GIMS outcome measures).
- Maintain data on program participants as required in the **DYS** Grantee Information Management System database (GIMS) on a monthly basis.
- Produce an annual report for the October - September fiscal year by utilizing the form available on the **DYS** website. Each such completed annual report shall be made available to the Alabama Department of Youth Services by November 30. Decisions about renewing grants may be made based on the courts' ability to show through these reports that the funds have been effective in diverting youth from commitment to **DYS** or CLIMB.

To ensure fiscally responsible management of state funds, quarterly evaluative criteria are integral to the diversion grant funding process. These criteria include, at a minimum, program adherence to youth capacity, annual numbers, average length of stay, successful completion rates, CHINS percentage limitations,

strengths-based treatment approaches, services as outlined in the application, and acceptable outcome measures for the program as a whole. At any given time within a quarter, program population numbers will be reviewed. If at the time of review the total number of youths reported in the GIMS is below 50% of the maximum capacity, an initial warning will be provided. If a subsequent review during the following quarter indicates that the program population remains below 50% maximum capacity, the program may receive a 25% reduction in funding for the following quarter(s). Program and/or designated court representatives will be given an opportunity to explain the low population numbers. However, final reduction determinations will be made by DYS administration.

Both the DCJC and DYS acknowledge that this Award may be terminated at will by the DCJC or DYS for any reason. Any funds remaining from the award shall be returned to DYS upon the termination of said award.

The grant award contained herein is payable in installments, subject to the availability of funds and adjustments by the Alabama Department of Youth Services, as it deems necessary or advisable. All parties agree that prior year funds may be available to fund this program and have and/or will be applied to the total grant award. Any unexpended grant fund amounts shall be reported to DYS no later than November 1st. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be a debt of the State of Alabama in the contravention of the laws and constitution of the State of Alabama.

By signing this agreement, the contracting parties, including sub-contractors, agree that representatives of the Department of Youth Services will conduct site visits (both announced and unannounced), and that all records pertaining to the program, including financial records will be made available for review. At a minimum, these records would include: court referrals, JPO reports, service plans, progress notes and termination summaries.

The Recipient or its designee shall administer the services for which this grant is awarded, in accordance with the grant application, and applicable rules, regulations and conditions as set forth by the Department. This agreement is for a one-year period and may be extended for an additional year. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be a debt of the State of Alabama in the contravention of the laws and constitution of the State of Alabama.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven P. Lafreniere  
Executive Director

Legal Review  
Approved as to form only.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD**

Recipient hereby signifies its acceptance of the grant award and the terms and conditions set forth, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Steve McLean

*Diversion Program (Director/Agent)*

*Dale County Commission (Fiscal Agent)*