

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2001  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: John E. McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services  
SUBJECT: Federal JAIBG Funds - Merrimac Center

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The Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission (MPJDC), which operates the Merrimac Center and of which James City County is one of eighteen participating jurisdictions, has been offered the opportunity to apply for Federal funds through the State Department of Criminal Justice Services. The Federal grant program is the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) program. The allocations under the program are based on juvenile crime and population, and the eighteen jurisdictions in the MPJDC can qualify for an annual amount in the Federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, of \$43,470. The State has agreed to put up a match of \$7,151 the first year, for a total of \$50,621, and the MPJDC has agreed to match the Federal JAIBG funds in following years.

Of the eighteen jurisdictions in the MPJDC only three qualify for entitlement payments. These three are James City, York, and Hanover Counties. Any of those three localities could apply independently for these funds. James City County's allocation is \$5,128, with an additional \$570 in State match funds for this year. The other 15 jurisdictions cannot qualify on their own and can only agree to contribute their allocated funds to a regional effort in which an entitlement community has agreed to be fiscal agent.

James City County is already the fiscal agent for the MPJDC and if it agrees to contribute the JCC allocation of funds to the Merrimac Center, then the MPJDC can receive the funds due to the fifteen non-entitlement communities.

One of the requirements is an oversight Board and adherence to certain program audit and documentation standards. This framework already exists in the MPJDC and would be an additional administrative burden for a locality looking to go on their own, particularly since the grant awards by locality are so small. For this reason, Hanover County has agreed to transfer its entitlement share to the MPJDC and York County is considering it as well.

The MPJDC proposes to use the funds to contract for mental health/substance abuse counseling services at the Merrimac Center. The service would be provided by the Colonial Services Board and would include a case review of all incoming juveniles on medication for identified mental illnesses.

The attached resolution authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Department of Criminal Justice Services to pool the James City County JAIBG Funding with those of other localities to fund a grant for the MPJDC.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

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