

Members of the Baldwin County Commission,

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has recently submitted a request for consideration for the 2024 JAG Grant. We would like to utilize this funding for an additional K-9 for the Sheriff's Office. This K-9 would be utilized in the Special Operations Unit to combat the use and trafficking of narcotics throughout our County. We would also use this K-9 to assist in narcotic sweeps of our schools, correctional facility and assist in the day-to-day patrol operations of the Sheriff's Office.

In 2023 the Special Operations Unit accounted for the seizure of over 116 lbs. of methamphetamine, 3 lbs. of cocaine, 280 lbs. of marijuana, 9 lbs. of fentanyl and over \$378,000 dollars of US currency. The ability to intercept and seize these dangerous narcotics before they reach the hands of our loved ones has saved many lives and made our communities a much safer place to live. An additional K-9 assigned to this unit will only further their success and help keep our citizens safe.

We respectfully request the Commission to consider and approve our request to utilize the 2024 Jag Grant funding to purchase a new narcotics K-9 for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.