

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Habersham County Sheriff's Office & GASROE for CJCC Grant for Gang Violence Training.

DATE: October 5, 2023

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL- N/A

() OTHER

CAPITAL- N/A

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: October 16, 2023

PURPOSE:

This Executive Summary is requesting Commission approval of the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and included funding provisions between the Habersham County Sheriff's Office/Habersham County Board of Commissioners and Georgia Alliance of School Resource Officer and Educators related to the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) Program and Certification Grant awarded to Habersham County.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

Several months ago, GASROE was approached by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District in reference to collaborating on much needed prevention training related to gang activity in Georgia schools. This has become a high-priority focus for the Governor's office, as well as numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, school districts, and school-focused state associations. In addition, this supports and furthers the focus of the recently passed Georgia HB 147 - Safe Schools Act.

GASROE was also informed that there were grant funds specifically earmarked for this type of training. However, the grant funds were only available to law enforcement agencies.

With this in mind, GASROE reached out to Sheriff Terrell with the proposal that GASROE be the conduit for the training and that the Habersham County Sheriff's Office be the conduit for the funding or sponsorship with Grant Funds. The training would provide for 48 attendees to receive Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) certification, which is a gang prevention program that is taught at the middle school level. In order to provide be able to make the payments for this training to the Instructors, there has to be a MOU between the entities for the CJCC Grant funding source to be able to reimburse the County for the training costs.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

MOU between the Habersham Sheriff's Office and GASROE to administer the G.R.E.A.T Grant from the CJCC of Georgia.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve MOU between the Habersham County Sheriff's Dept and GASROE to administer the CJCC G.R.E.A.T. grant.
- 2) Deny MOU between the Habersham County Sheriff's Dept and GASROE to administer the CJCC G.R.E.A.T. grant.
- 3) Other Commissioner Directive

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

I make a motion to approve and authorize the chairman to ratify the attached G.R.E.A.T. Program Memorandum of Understanding for the Administering the Grant.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Tim Sims

On behalf of the Habersham County Sheriff's Office

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

GEORGIA, HABERSHAM COUNTY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") entered into this 10 day of July, 2023, by and among the **HABERSHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, by and through its duly elected sheriff (hereinafter referred to as "HCSO"), the **GEORIGIA ALLIANCE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND EDUCATIONS INC.**, by and through its Executive Director (hereinafter referred to as "GASROE"), and the **HABERSHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT**, by and through its duly elected Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "HCBOC");

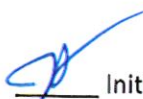
W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, GASROE was approached by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District in reference to collaborating on much needed prevention training related to gang activity in Georgia schools. This has become a high-priority focus for the Governor's office, as well as numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, school districts, and school-focused state associations. In addition, this supports and furthers the focus of the recently passed Georgia HB 147 - Safe Schools Act;

WHEREAS GASROE was also informed that there were grant funds specifically earmarked for this type of training. However, the grant funds were only available to law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, GASROE reached out to Sheriff Joey Terrell and the HCSO with the proposal that GASROE be the conduit for the training and that the Habersham County Sheriff's Office, by and through a grant sought after and secured by the HCSO and the HCBOC, be the conduit for the funding;

WHEREAS, all parties to this Agreement concur and understand that this collaborative effort would provide for 48 attendees to receive Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) certification, which is a gang prevention program that is taught at the middle school level;

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WHEREAS, all parties to this Agreement concur and understand that this collaborative effort would conclude with the Habersham County School System, in addition to numerous others throughout the state, benefiting tremendously by the SRO's assigned to Habersham County middle schools becoming certified as instructors in the G.R.E.A.T. Training;

NOW THEREFORE, by and through agreement herein and for sufficient and reasonable consideration and other mutual promises and benefits, each to the other in hand, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, HCSO, GASROE, and HCBOC hereby agree as follows:

1. The HCSO, with the cooperation of the HCBOC, will apply for a grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to assist in providing the financial resources to support GASROE in being able to provide the G.R.E.A.T. training to a maximum of 48 SRO's in the State of Georgia;
2. GASROE, as the training mechanism for the collaborative effort which is the subject of this Agreement, will enter into an agreement with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (hereinafter referred to as "IIR") to provide the resources needed to fully train a maximum of 48 law enforcement officers in the G.R.E.A.T. Program curriculum and certify those officers as G.R.E.A.T. Instructors;
3. HCSO and HCBOC agree to accept awarded grant funds, to pay IRR for the provided training with county funds within THIRTY (30) days of receipt of an acceptable invoice for payment, and to seek reimbursement of the expenses paid in relation to the above-referenced training through the awarded grant.

GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement and all provisions contained within this Agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

AMENDMENTS

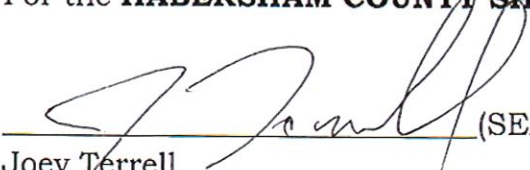
This Agreement may be amended from time to time by the full written consent of all parties as needed to meet the needs and requirements of all parties concerned.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals.

For the **HABERSHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

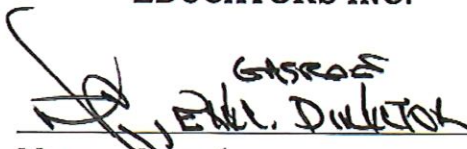
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Joey Terrell
Habersham County Sheriff

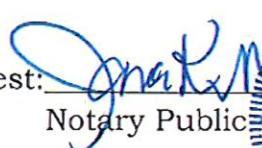
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My commission expires: 7/23/24

For the **GEORGIA ALLIANCE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND EDUCATORS INC.**

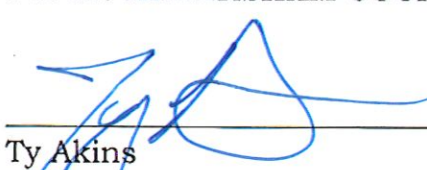
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GASROE Executive Director

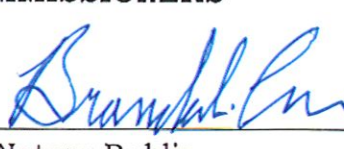
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My commission expires:

For the **HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

 (SEAL)
Ty Akins
Habersham County Commission Chairman

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Notary Public

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