

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure Requests

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office DIVISION: _____

AUTHORIZED BY: Sheriff Eslinger CONTACT: Penny Fleming EXT. 6617

Agenda Date 3/23/04 Regular Consent Work Session Briefing
Public Hearing – 1:30 Public Hearing – 7:00

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to utilize \$30,750 in Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the following: a contribution to the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools for the Good Student Incentive Program "Take Stock in Children Mentoring and Scholarship Program; a contribution to the Seminole Community College's Scholarship Program and a contribution to provide funding for "Project Graduation" to seven Seminole County high schools.

BACKGROUND:

1. **\$16,000 contribution to the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools for the Good Student Incentive Program "Take Stock in Children Mentoring and Scholarship Program.**

Since 1995, the Sheriff's Office has utilized Law Enforcement Trust Fund money to recognize one graduating student from each high school in Seminole County; a program referred to as the "Good Student Incentive Program".

Beginning last year, the Sheriff's Office redefined the "Good Student Incentive Program" by joining the "Take Stock in Children" Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, Inc. This program provides deserving low income, at risk students in Seminole County with an opportunity to earn a full scholarship to a college or vocational school. Students are selected for the program in middle school and the student and their parents must sign a contract upon being selected for the program, agreeing to stay drug and crime free, maintain satisfactory grades and exhibit good behavior in school. Selected students are also assigned a mentor, a program volunteer, who meets with the child weekly from middle school through the completion of high school. The mentor becomes a tutor, role model and advisor to the student and helps build the child's foundation of basic values.

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The "Take Stock in Children" program has been in place for several years and is considered a huge success. Funding for the program comes from both public and private sources. The Sheriff's Office has been so impressed with the success of the program that we have decided to again contribute \$16,000 in Law Enforcement Trust Fund money to the program this fiscal year. The donated funds represent \$2,000 towards the scholarship program for each of the eight Seminole County High Schools.

2. \$750 contribution to the Seminole Community College's Scholarship Program.

The Sheriff's Office will also continue to fund \$750 towards Seminole Community College's scholarship program.

3. \$14,000 contribution to provide funding for "Project Graduation" to seven Seminole County High Schools.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting \$14,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to provide funds for an alcohol and drug free celebration for Seminole County high schools on graduation night.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office strongly supports the expenditure of these funds as an alternative to irresponsible and reckless behavior on graduation night. "Project Graduation" is a collective effort involving concerned parents, students, faculty, and law enforcement to ensure a safe environment for our graduating seniors as they celebrate their completion of high school. Through the efforts of those involved, "Project Graduation" is offered to high school seniors as a means to prevent tragic events relating to drunk driving and drug usage. Each student who attends "Project Graduation" agrees to arrive and remain substance free throughout the celebration.

Each of the seven high schools listed below will receive \$2,000 in funding for their celebration:

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| 1) Lake Brantley High School | 2) Lyman High School |
| 3) Lake Howell High School | 4) Oviedo High School |
| 5) Lake Mary High School | 6) Seminole High School |
| 7) Winter Springs High School | |

This request complies with Chapter 932.7055(4)(a), Florida State Statutes.

MEMORANDUM: Administrative Services 1704-04-023

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

FROM: Penny J. Fleming, Chief
Administrative Services – Sheriff’s Office

DATE: February 19, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Agenda Item

Attached to this correspondence is two (2) agenda items requesting Board of County Commission approval for the following item:

- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$14,000.00 for Project Graduation, an alcohol-free, drug-free celebration for Seminole County high school graduating seniors.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$16,750.00 for the Good Student Incentive Program “Take Stock in Children Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools and for Seminole Community College’s Scholarship Program.

It is respectfully requested that the above agenda item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 665-6617 or George Sellery at 665-6532.

Attachments

C: Department of Fiscal Services