

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item # 47

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure Requests

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Agenda Date 6/8/04 Regular  Consent  Work Session  Briefing   
Public Hearing – 1:30  Public Hearing – 7:00

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to utilize \$9,500 in Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the following: a contribution to the Tajiri Arts Program, a contribution to the Central Florida YMCA's Youth Scholarship Program, a contribution to STAND, Inc., a contribution to Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 517 in support of the Post's College Scholarship Program, a contribution to the Lisa Merlin House, Inc. in support of their residential treatment program for women, a contribution to the Rescue Outreach Mission, and a contribution to the Central Florida TRIAD.

**BACKGROUND:**

**1. \$500 contribution to the Tajiri Arts Program.**

Tajiri Arts is a 501(3)(C) organization that focuses on at risk youth ages 3 to 17. Services provided include individual training and instruction in the arts, including drama, voice and musical instrumentation. Through this outreach program, children who ordinarily would not be able to receive this type of instruction are taught self-respect, self-worth, and self-discipline through academic enrichment. The Sheriff's Office supports the efforts of the Tajiri Arts program because of the positive impact it has on our community by affording at-risk youth with positive and healthy alternatives to substance abuse, crime, and violence. The Sheriff's Offices is requesting to contribute \$500 in Law Enforcement Trust Fund monies to the Tajiri Arts program.

**2. \$2,000 contribution to the Central Florida YMCA's Youth Scholarship Program.**

The Sheriff's Office is a strong supporter of youth programs, especially those that target at risk youth. These programs help build the self-esteem of impressionable youths and provide an enriching diversion to potential criminal activity. The YMCA is a well-known leader in providing youth programs. Supporting the YMCA's Youth Scholarship program will allow youths,

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regardless of their ability to pay, to attend programs they would otherwise be unable to afford such as basketball, soccer, after school care, summer camp and many others. By making a \$2,000 contribution to the Youth Scholarship program, the Sheriff's Office is investing in the area's youth and hopefully providing a diversion to criminal activity, which benefits all Seminole County residents. The \$2,000 contribution would be applied to both the Seminole County YMCA and the Oviedo YMCA, each of which would receive \$1,000 for their respective youth scholarship programs.

**3. \$1,000 contribution to STAND, Inc.**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,000, to contribute to STAND, Inc., (Students Taking a New Direction), a 501(3)(C) organization which promotes healthy life choices for young adults. Numerous statistics show that high risk behaviors (drugs, alcohol, sexual activity, cigarettes and violence), if not addressed pro-actively, often lead to criminal activity. STAND, Inc. utilizes positive role models including youth leaders within the community and clear messages to influence youths to follow a healthy lifestyle and avoid risky behavior. The Sheriff's Office supports the mission of STAND, Inc. and desires to contribute \$1,000 in law enforcement trust fund monies in support of the programs operated by the organization.

**4. \$3,500 contribution to Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 517 in support of the Post's College Scholarship Program.**

The Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 517 is a component entity under the Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League, which is an established 501(3)(C) not for profit organization. The Explorer Post is in the process of establishing a college scholarship program to assist youth who participate in the police explorer program with the opportunity to attend college and potentially further their career in law enforcement or the criminal justice system and are seeking financial support from governmental and business organizations as well as individual donations. Scholarship awards will be based upon a point system, which will take into consideration years of participation in the Explorer Post, academic achievement and community service. Awards will not exceed \$1,500 per individual per year.

The Sheriff's Office supports programs that encourage youth to pursue a career in law enforcement. Therefore, the Sheriff's Office would like to contribute \$3,500 to Explorer Post 517 in support of their college scholarship program.

**5. \$1,000 contribution to the Lisa Merlin House, Inc. in support of their residential treatment program for women.**

The Lisa Merlin House is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization, which operates a 28 bed residential treatment facility located in Pine Hills. Recently, the program has been expanded to include a "safe house" in Seminole County. The facility provides services to women and, in many cases, their young children suffering from alcohol/substance abuse and/or the effects of domestic violence. The Lisa Merlin House does not receive any State funding in support of their program and instead relies upon contributions from local governmental entities and private businesses. The Sheriff's Office is supportive of the program operated by the Lisa Merlin

House, as it is consistent with both crime prevention and drug education philosophies within the Sheriff's Office. Therefore the Sheriff's Office desires to contribute \$1,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Lisa Merlin House, Inc.

**6. \$1,000 contribution to the Rescue Outreach Mission.**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,000, to provide a financial contribution to the Rescue Outreach Mission located in Sanford. The Mission is a non-profit organization that provides housing, meals, counseling and support services to the homeless and disadvantaged. Without the hope that programs like the Rescue Outreach Mission provide, the destitute and homeless often must resort to criminal activity or panhandling in order to support themselves and/or their families.

**7. \$500 contribution to the Central Florida TRIAD.**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$500 to provide a financial contribution to the Central Florida TRIAD. Central Florida TRIAD is a 501(3)(c) and is comprised of representatives from law enforcement, the State Attorney's Office, and the community. Its mission is the prevention, intervention and response to criminal and non-criminal activities affecting the elderly. The Sheriff's Office is a strong supporter of the Central Florida TRIAD and its programs and desires to make a \$500 contribution to the organization.

These requests complies with Chapter 932.7055(4)(a), Florida State Statutes.

The above requests, if approved, have the following effect on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund:

Current Balance:	\$93,940
Current Requested Transfers:	<u>9,500</u>
Balance after transfers:	\$84,440

**MEMORANDUM: Administrative Services 1704-04-051**

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

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

DATE: May 19, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Agenda Items

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Attached to this correspondence are seven (7) agenda items requesting Board of County Commission approval for the following items:

- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 for a contribution to Tajiri Arts, a 501(3)(C) organization that focuses on at risk youth ages 3 to 17.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$2,000.00 for a contribution to the Central Florida YMCA in support of the agency's Youth Scholarship program for at-risk youth. The funds will be divided equally between the Seminole YMCA and the Oviedo YMCA.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a contribution to STAND, Inc., a 501(3)(C) organization that promotes healthy life choices for young adults.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$3,500.00 to the Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 517 in support of the Post's College Scholarship Program.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a contribution to the Lisa Merlin House, Inc. in support of their residential treatment program for women.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a contribution to the Rescue Outreach Mission, a non-profit organization that provides meals, housing, counseling and support services to the homeless and disadvantaged.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 for a contribution to TRIAD, a non-for profit organization which supports the elderly in our community.

It is respectfully requested that the above agenda item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

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

Attachments

C: Department of Fiscal Services