

Item # 72

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Department of Justice – Gang Resistance Education and Training Grant (GREAT) Application Submittal

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office **DIVISION:** _____

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

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| Agenda Date <u>7/13/04</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners for the electronic submission of the Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs G.R.E.A.T. grant application by the Sheriff.

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs has made available funds related to the Gang Resistance Training and Education grant. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office would like the opportunity to compete for those funds by submitting an application for the maximum allowable of \$79,097. These funds will be used to cover the cost of trained school resource officers/deputies to instruct students within Seminole County on the G.R.E.A.T. philosophy. There is no required match for these funds and no new positions are associated with this grant. The entire grant application is submitted on-line via the Internet.

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MEMORANDUM: OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF 1703-04-060

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

FROM: Penny J. Fleming, Chief, Administrative Services

DATE: June 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Grant Submission Request

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting the approval to reply to a solicitation from the Department of Justice (Office of Justice Programs) for a Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) grant. We have received funding during the past 4 years through this grant, and this will be the 5th year we have applied for these funds. We are requesting the Board of County Commissioners to consider the approval for the submission of this application. As in some previous Office of Justice applications, the application is only available electronically through their web site.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, life-skills competency program that is taught by uniformed law enforcement officers. It is designed to enable youth to develop positive attitudes toward police officers, avoid conflicts, be responsible, set positive goals and resist peer pressure. We are seeking the maximum of \$79,097 to cover the cost of trained school resource officers/deputies to instruct students within Seminole County on the G.R.E.A.T. philosophy. If awarded this grant, there is no required match and no new positions.

It is respectfully requested that the G.R.E.A.T. application item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 665-6617 or Rob Forlini at 665-6536.

Cc: Lisa Spriggs
Director of Fiscal Services