

Item # 47

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Application

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

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

Agenda Date <u>8/26/03</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"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners for the submission of the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance grant application by the Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has tentatively made \$130,573 available to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. The minimum required 10% match is already included in the Sheriff's 2003/2004 budget submission. The funds will enable advance technology to be acquired and other equipment enhancements directly related to basic law enforcement functions. The grant application is submitted on-line via the Internet.

Once the grant application is approved by the BJA and prior to receiving funds, the Sheriff's Office will hold a public hearing and a local advisory board meeting to review and make non-binding recommendations.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: <u>[Signature]</u>
Other: _____
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File No. <u>CSHQ00</u>

MEMORANDUM: OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF 1701-03-360**TO:** Kevin Grace, County Manager**FROM:** Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger *DFE
by POF***DATE:** August 11, 2003**SUBJECT:** Board of County Commissioners Grant Approval Request

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has tentatively been approved to receive funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through the Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. This is the eighth year we have applied for funding and we are requesting the Board of County Commissioners to consider the approval for the submission of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant application. As in previous applications, the application is only available electronically through the BJA web site.

The Sheriff's Office budget proposal for FY 2003/2004 includes the 10% minimum required matching funds for this \$130,573 grant. This grant will enable advanced technology to be acquired and other equipment enhancements directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

Once the grant application is approved by BJA and prior to receiving funds, a public hearing must be held by the Sheriff's Office, and a local advisory board is required to review and make non-binding recommendations.

It is respectfully requested the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant application item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2003.

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

C: Ray Hooper
Acting Director of Fiscal Services