

**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 9/23/03 Regular Consent Work Session Briefing
Public Hearing – 1:30 Public Hearing – 7:00

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to utilize Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the following: a contribution to the Mustard Seed Program; a contribution for the purchase of red ribbons for public and private school children during the 2003 Red Ribbon Campaign and a contribution to Seminole Vision, Inc. to assist in the facilitation of cooperative leadership programs.

BACKGROUND:

1. \$5,000 contribution to the Mustard Seed Program

The mission of the Mustard Seed program is to provide furniture, clothing, food and other items free of charge to the homeless and those in need who desire to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient productive members of the communities in which they live. By providing these basic life necessities, the Mustard Seed program allows homeless individuals and families to regain dignity and self-worth, pursue independence and rebuild their lives. Without the hope that programs like the Mustard Seed provide, the destitute and homeless often must resort to criminal activity or panhandling in order to support themselves and/or their families.

2. \$2,000 contribution to provide funding for the 2003 Red Ribbon Campaign

This request is a public awareness benefit in support of drug and alcohol prevention programs. Red Ribbon Week will take place during the month of October, 2003. Providing funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 will financially assist the campaign with expenses incurred in the purchase of red ribbons for the school children of Seminole County. These ribbons are worn by students and adults to heighten awareness of the danger of illegal/legal drug and alcohol abuse. Participants in the 2003 campaign include public and private schools, businesses, churches, civic organizations and governmental agencies within Seminole County.

Reviewed by:

Co Atty:

DFS: BJS/KM/PB

Other: _____

DCM: SS

CM: KG

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3. \$5,000 contribution to Seminole Vision, Inc. to assist in the facilitation of cooperative leadership programs

Established in October 1996, Seminole Vision Inc., has an established goal of creating and maintaining a process where diverse community leaders from throughout Seminole County can come together to identify and address both current and future issues that affect Seminole County. Such issues that directly impact County Law Enforcement include preparation for and response to acts of terrorism, domestic violence prevention, various initiatives pertaining to Seminole County youth, and Criminal Justice issues. All of these issues require involvement on the part of multiple governmental jurisdictions, businesses and community leaders. By contributing funds to Seminole Vision, Inc, these issues and many others will continue to have a forum through which all required governmental, business, and community leaders can participate to collectively solve problems and address the future of Seminole County.

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

MEMORANDUM: Office of the Sheriff 1701-03-406

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager
FROM: Donald F. Eslinger, Sheriff *DFE POF*
DATE: September 3, 2003
SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Agenda Items

Attached to this correspondence are three (3) agenda items requesting Board of County Commission approval for the following items:

- Law Enforcement Trust Fund expenditure in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of red ribbons for public and private school children during the 2003 Red Ribbon Campaign.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a contribution to the Mustard Seed Program.
- Law Enforcement Trust Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a contribution to Seminole Vision, Inc. to assist in the facilitation of cooperative leadership programs.

It is respectfully requested that the above agenda item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2003.

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