

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Approval of Seminole County Public Schools request to provide support for the "Midway Safe Harbor" and authorization for Chairman to execute contract.

DEPARTMENT: Community Services **DIVISION:** Administration
David Medley, Director

AUTHORIZED BY: David Medley **CONTACT:** David Medley **EXT.** 3363

Agenda Date <u>11/07/06</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 of the Seminole County Public Schools request to provide \$50,000 funding in support of the Midway Safe Harbor Center.

District #5: Brenda Carey

BACKGROUND:

On August 23rd, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$50,000 for support of the Seminole County Public Schools "Midway Safe Harbor Center."

Staff has received a request from the SCPS to provide the same amount of funding for this program for the 2006-2007 year. The attached letter describes the intent of the SCPS in utilizing these funds. If approved, staff will develop a service reimbursement contract similar to that used in 2005-2006.

Funds are available in current budget.

Attachment: Letter from Seminole County Public Schools

Reviewed by:	_____
Co Atty:	_____
DFS:	_____
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October 3, 2006

Dear Commissioner:

The **Midway Safe Harbor** opened in March, 2005 with great expectations for what could be accomplished for the Midway community. One and a half years have passed since we began operations in the community and we **continue to reach new highs**. Recognized by Congressman John Mica as a "model" facility and program both confirm and reinforce our commitment to our vision; "a place to improve the quality of life in our community".

The success of Midway Safe Harbor is a direct result of meaningful and relevant activities, quality staffing, and adequate funding. In order to continue to offer the highest level of services and most meaningful types of programs to our community we are requesting renewal funding for the Midway Safe Harbor evening program.

The evening program for teenagers three nights a week has over 200 teens enrolled. We are currently averaging attendance of between 60 – 80 teenagers each night. I don't need to point out to you that if the teenagers are in the Safe Harbor, they are not out on the streets getting into trouble. The Seminole County Public Schools provide teachers for both afternoon and evening academic support.

We would like to expand the teen program over the next year and provide diversity in programming since it is quite obvious this is meeting a huge need in the Midway community. Currently the Seminole County Public Schools are funding over \$270,000 annually for the **Midway Safe Harbor**, including teachers, all utilities, custodial services, etc.

In order to meet the current need and also to expand, we would like to request renewal funding from Seminole County Government, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the following community programming at **Midway Safe Harbor**:

2 additional teen supervisors (1 comprehensive sports/ recreation director and 1 business enterprise coach)	\$23,000
Presenters to teach character and team building, Self esteem, self confidence, leadership, etc.	12,000
Seasonal and Summer programming	
Supervision in computer lab	8,000
Swim program supervision	1,000
Transportation to off-site facilities	1,000
Adult wellness programming and fitness activities	<u>5,000</u>
	\$50,000

Appropriate supervision is absolutely a key requirement for the success and safety of all the students. We have a golden opportunity to build on our successes and I hope you will join with us to continue services to the Midway community.

The Midway Safe Harbor is an exciting community project and the Board of County Commissioners is a valuable partner in its success! We would welcome the opportunity to update the County Commissioners with information and statistics about what is happening at **Midway Safe Harbor**. **You will be impressed!** Please call me at (407) 928-8273 if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Dede Schaffner
Midway Safe Harbor Advocate