

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure Request

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

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

Agenda Date <u>12/14/04</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 to utilize \$16,750 in Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the following: a contribution of \$16,000 to the "Take Stock in Children" Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, Inc and a contribution of \$750 to Seminole Community College on behalf of one Seminole Community College student.

BACKGROUND:

- \$16,750 contribution to the "Take Stock in Children" Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, Inc and \$750 to Seminole Community College on behalf of one Seminole Community College student.**

Since 1995, the Sheriff's Office has utilized Law Enforcement Trust Fund money to recognize one graduating student from each high school in Seminole County; a program referred to as the "Good Student Incentive Program".

Beginning in FY 2002/03, the Sheriff's Office redefined the "Good Student Incentive Program" by joining the "Take Stock in Children" Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, Inc. This program provides deserving low income, at risk students in Seminole County with an opportunity to earn a full scholarship to a college or vocational school. Students are selected for the program in middle school and the student and their parents must sign a contract upon being selected for the program, agreeing to stay drug and crime free, maintain satisfactory grades and exhibit good behavior in school. Selected students are also assigned a mentor, a program volunteer, who meets with the child weekly from middle school through the completion of high school. The mentor becomes a tutor, role model and advisor to the student and helps build the child's foundation of basic values.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: <u>VB</u>
Other: _____
DCM: <u>SS</u>
CM: <u>VB</u>
File No. <u>CSHO00</u>

The "Take Stock in Children" program has been in place for several years and is considered a huge success. Funding for the program comes from both public and private sources. The Sheriff's Office has been so impressed with the success of the program that it has decided to once again contribute \$16,000.00 in Law Enforcement Trust Fund money to the program this fiscal year. The donated funds represent \$2,000 towards the scholarship program for each of the eight Seminole County High Schools. The Sheriff's Office will also continue to fund \$750.00 towards one selected Seminole Community College student, said funds typically matched by the State or the college.

The Law Enforcement Forfeiture account (Local) has a current cash balance of \$44,294.04 prior to the expenditure set forth in this Agenda item.

These requests complies with Chapter 932.7055(4)(a), Florida State Statutes. The above request, if approved, has the following effect on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund:

Current Balance:	\$ 44,294
Current Request Transfer	16,750
Balance after Transfer	<u>\$27,544</u>

MEMORANDUM: Administrative Services 1703-04-094

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

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

DATE: November 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Agenda Items

Attached to this correspondence is one (1) agenda item requesting Board of County Commission approval for the following item:

- Law Enforcement Trust Fund expenditure in the amount of \$16,750.00 in support of the Sheriff's Office FY 2004/05 "Take Stock in Children" Mentoring and Scholarship Program administered by The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools. This will leave a balance in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund of \$27,544.04.

It is respectfully requested that the above agenda items be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 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