

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** US Department of Justice, Violence Against Women

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff's Office      **DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>12/20/05</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:**

Board approval for the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit a grant application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies, and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program is to encourage communities to adopt a coordinated community response and treat domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law. Victim advocates, police officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, faith based organizations and community leaders are encouraged to work together to create solutions to domestic violence.

Statistics indicate that domestic violence leads to the death of the victim at a high rate. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is seeking a means to enhance how the criminal justice system addresses violence against women, specifically, the delivery of services to victims, enhancing offender accountability, promoting training for practitioners, and encouraging more informed decision making by judges. We propose to meet these goals through a newly established multi-jurisdictional initiative.

This grant will provide up to \$400,000 for a 24-month project period. This project would include the addition of two to three additional staff members. There are no matching funds required for this program.

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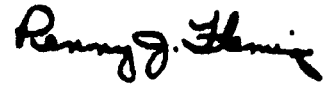
**MEMORANDUM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**1703-05-060**

SEMINOLE COUNTY  
COUNTY MANAGER

**TO:** Kevin Grace, County Manager

**FROM:** Penny J. Fleming, Chief, Administrative Services



**DATE:** November 18, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders

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The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of County Commissioners approval for the Chairman to approve the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit a grant application to the Office of Violence Against Women and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

It is respectfully requested that the approval to apply for the Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders through the Office of Violence Against Women be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 407-665-6617 or Jamie Mendoza at 407-665-6536.

C: Lisa Spriggs  
Director of Fiscal Services