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Mounted Unit Budget FY 2013

Cost is based on a 4-horse unit with 2 full time riders, 2 part time riders.

4120 Contractual Services		Total	\$34,552
Stable / Boarding	Alachua Con. Trust		\$16,800
Veterinarian	Reg. visits every 4 months		\$3,000
Vet Emergency	As needed		\$3,000
Farrier	\$225 per horse per shoeing		\$10800
Insurance (Vet. Surgery)	\$238 per horse		\$952
3010 Materials / Supplies		Total	\$18,550
Feed	Avg. \$585 per month		\$7,020
Hay (alfalfa/coastal)	Avg \$192 per month		\$2,300
Supplements and Medications	As needed		\$2,000
Medical Supplies	As needed		\$200
Grooming	As needed		\$360
Horse Tack			
	4 blankets @ \$60 per horse		\$240
	Easyboots @ \$160 per horse		\$640
	Leg wraps @ \$145 2 sets		\$290
	4 halters and lead ropes \$185 each		\$740
Uniforms			
	1 pair tall dress boots \$250 each		\$500
	2 short riding boots \$130 each		\$260
	8 riding breeches @ \$100 each		\$800
Public Relations			
	Bookmarks, etc		\$350
Miscellaneous			
	Stable supplies		\$1,000
	Laundry		\$750
	Water		\$300
	Stable Bedding		\$800

4230 Maintenance / Building	\$1500
Maintenance/Repair	\$1500
3210 Training	Total \$4,200
Outside Schools / Seminars approx \$500 per horse	\$2,000
Travel	\$700
Stable Fee (\$75.00 per horse)	\$300
Lodging	\$1,200

Total Proposed FY 2013	\$63,802.00	
4120 Contractual Services	Total	\$34552

Farrier services will be paid at \$225 per horse per shoeing. The horses were switched to traditional horse shoes for several reasons, primarily the wellness of the horses. New replacement horses will be wearing the Easyboots until their reliability on patrol has been established. The optimal trimming/shoeing schedule would be every six (6) weeks resulting in a maximum of \$10,800 for the fiscal year.

We have obtained Horse illness insurance for each horse through Jerry Parks Insurance Group. The insurance premium costs about \$238 per horse for a year totaling \$952. It will also cover injuries, illness and even death.

3010 Materials / Supplies

\$18550

Historically, this budget item, one of the larger expenses for the MPU, has been underestimated resulting in deficit spending. Every effort has been made to accurately estimate the actual expenses in this category.

The majority of funding is used for Feed, Supplements, Uniforms and Tack, which wears out, with use. It is also used to maintain the stables, pastures, and equipment. Riding pants, boots and helmets also come from this budget item.

3210 Training

\$4,200

The training of the unit is one of the most fundamental components to keep the horses and riders proficient in our profession. It is desirable to attend outside training seminars to have outside professional critique the partnership of horse and rider. The experience of traveling and training with other local agencies is invaluable. Networking with other individuals allows us to develop new ideas about the utilization of the Mounted Unit. Local agencies usually hold special joint training events, which are free to attend. However, there is travel and lodging costs involved. With this in mind, \$4,200 has been budgeted to cover Equine related seminars for all members of the Unit.

6040 Capital

\$5,000

The only item is \$5,000 for a replacement horse. This is requested to be in place in the event of an unexpected injury, death or exigent retirement of one of the current horses.

The Mounted Patrol Unit has been maintaining a compliment of 4 patrol ready mounts. This practice has been established to allow for a serviceable horse being deployed in the event of an injury or sudden retirement of a horse. During the last 2 years, there have been several instances when at least 2 of the 4 horses have been out of service for several weeks and months due to injury. Had there not been the availability of the additional mounts, the unit would not have been able to deploy and conduct their normal assignments.

The transitional delay is substantially less when additional mounts are available upon a retirement of a horse. One of the fully trained horses is then pressed into full time service. The pretense is much like that of having pool patrol vehicles.

An added benefit to having the 4 patrol ready horses is that during such events as the National Championship celebrations, it allows for the deployment of 4 Mounted Patrol Teams; as we have several department members that would be able to be added to the unit for the event.

4230 Maintenance / Building

\$1500 `

The Mounted Patrol Unit is currently being housed at Alachua Conservation Trust. The facility is completely secure and suits our needs perfectly. The Alachua Conservation Trust is responsible for all the stable maintenance, pasture mowing, and feeding of the horses on the Mounted Unit's days off. These services had been contracted out to several different vendors during our stay at Payne's Prairie which cost us significantly more funding. We made need to repair our fencing that is out there.