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Grant Award: COPS 2004 "Secure Our Schools" (B)

On October 18, 2004, the City of Gainesville received notification from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, that it had been awarded \$25,000 in grant funding under the "Secure Our Schools" program. This grant award was the result of a Concept Paper submitted by the Gainesville Police Department on July 19, 2004, and is a partnership with the School Board of Alachua County. This one year grant will fund the implementation of an automated "Visitor Identification and Tracking System" known as "Lobby Track"(r). The system will allow for the electronic tracking of visitors, students, volunteers, monitors, and employees while on facilities operated by the School Board of Alachua County. Computer checks against the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Predator/Offender database and creation of photo identification cards of staff, students, and visitors are a part of this project.

The \$25,000 in grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office is a one-year project and requires a \$25,000 match of local funds. The \$25,000 in matching funds have been allocated by the School Board of Alachua County and will not require any matching funds from the City of Gainesville.

The City Commission authorize the Interim City Manager to accept and execute the grant award and any other necessary documents, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.