



Legislation Text

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Federal LECFTF Funding For The Joint Aviation Unit for FY2012 (B)

This request is for \$205,090 for the operating budget for the Gainesville Police Department's Joint Aviation Unit. These monies fund: fuel; travel; training; professional and contractual service; bulding maintenance; and miscellaneous materials and supplies.

This year expected expenses are greater than typical annual costs due to mechanical and equipment expenses. Including: 1) large increase in fuel costs; 2) major engine overhaul and inspection (occurs approximately every three years); 3) replacement of old obsolete radio system. Current system is non-repairable; and 4) instrument upgrade (Alachua County Sheriff's Office upgraded their instruments last year which will elimtate problems with the inverter).

On July 8, 1996 the City Commission approved the Inter-Agency Agreement for a Joint Aviation Unit between the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the City of Gainesville's Police Department. The agreement allows for each agency to share the cost of the Aviation hangar and office located at the Gainesville Regional Airport and the ACSO maintenance technician's salary. Total estimated operating costs for FY12 are \$205,090. Estimated costs for the City's half of the hangar/office and maintenance technician's salary is \$50,000. In addition, this request includes costs for normal operating expenses for GPD's helicopter and associated costs.

Funds in the amount of \$205,090 for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and is allowable per Federal 21 U.S.C. () 881, found in the U.S. Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies". The balance in the account is \$2,922,788 from City of Gainesville Financial Statement for the six month ended March 31, 2011.

The City Commission 1) approve the appropriation of the amount of \$205,090 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for Joint Aviation Unit budget; and 2) approve purchase order for ASO for estimated amount of \$50,000 for 1/2 hanger/office rent and mechanic per inter-agency agreement dated July 8, 1996.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission denies funding.