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### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2008 Local Solicitation (NB)**

**This item requires City Commission authorization to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$16,000 for the Tutorial Assistance for At-Risk Youth and \$9,000 for funding of the SAFE-T Kiosk for fiscal year 2009.**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance, has announced available grant funds to local units of government through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The Alachua County Sheriff's Office serves as the Grant Administrator and automatically receives 10% (\$5,890) which leaves the county \$53,016 to fund continuing programs. On June 26, 2008 the Gainesville Police Department presented two programs for continued funding to the Byrne Grant Advisory Board. The first presentation was to continue funding for the "Tutorial Assistance for At-Risk Youth" which is in its second year at the Reichert House. The program provides tutoring services as well as job skill education to students. The second presentation was for continued funding of the SAFE-T Kiosk. This program consists of overtime funding for an officer to provide information on substance and alcohol abuse and safety options to prevent risky behavior which leads to victimization. The Byrne Grant Board selected both programs for continued funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for a total to the Gainesville Police Department of \$25,000. The Tutorial Assistance for At-Risk Youth would receive \$16,000 and the SAFE-T Kiosk would receive \$9,000.

Each application is for a one-year funding cycle in FY 2009. There is no match required for this grant. The total award for both programs is \$25,000.

The City Commission declines the available Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$25,000 and advise staff not to apply for and accept these funds.