



## Legislation Text

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### **State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund Funding for BOLD Program (NB)**

**This is to request \$6,000 for the operational costs for the BOLD Program.**

The BOLD Program was created by Gainesville Police Department in the fall of 2011 as a crime prevention effort designed to work with at-risk young adults ranging in age of 18 to 26 years old who have made poor choices that have negatively impacted their lives. Experience and research have shown that reducing recidivism is one of the most promising methods to help ensure public safety. This program is designed to address the needs of offenders who have been, or are, at risk of being involved in criminal activity and are currently experiencing negative consequences such as homelessness and/or unemployment. Many of the targeted group have not finished high school and have other factors that may contribute to them re-offending. Some are currently on probation.

The BOLD leaders serve as advisors/mentors that are attempting to get the participants to establish productive goals that will lead to success outcomes. BOLD also serves as a liaison to assist participants in obtaining needed resources and services ranging from housing, food, clothing, employment, to education, etc.

The program enables the staff to perform case management services to a variety of offenders and re-offenders in collaboration with existing resources that will transition participants from being community liabilities and drains on community services to being a positive influence in the community. The funds requested are needed for the operation of the BOLD resource center facility. This location will serve as place for the staff to meet with the participants to provide life skill training, as well as, a place for the clients to receive assistance with employment searches and other services.

Funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 are available in the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and are allowable under State of Florida Statute 932.7055.

The balance is \$87,150 unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2012.

The City Commission approve the appropriation of \$6,000 from the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund to pay for the operational expenses.