



Legislation Text

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Federal LECFTF Funding for the Mounted Patrol Unit (B)

On October 13, 1997, the City Commission approved the formation of the Gainesville Police Department two member Mounted Patrol Unit and authorized funding through the LECFTF. On January 12, 1998 the City Commission authorized the expansion of the unit to include a third member.

The funding request of \$76,120 is to cover the operating expenses of the unit for FY 2003-2004. The total operating cost includes funding for the purchase of a fourth horse to be trained as an eventual replacement for one of the older horses. Also included is funding for the purchase of a third truck to be assigned to the third full-time member of the unit.

A complete breakdown of the funding request is attached.

Funds for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and are 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 City Commission approve the appropriation of \$76,120 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the operation of the Mounted Patrol Unit. The balance in the account is \$3,302,719.66.