



Legislation Text

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Federal LECFTF Funding for the Joint Aviation Unit (B)

This request is for \$108,348 for the operating budget for the Gainesville Police Department's Joint Aviation Unit.

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 FY11 are \$108,348. Estimated cost 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 \$108,348 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 \$1,927,956.

The City Commission approve the appropriation of the amount of \$108,348 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for Joint Aviation Unit budget.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission deny funding.