



Legislation Text

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application (JAG countywide - State Solicitation) (B)

This item involves a request to the City Commission for authorization to apply for and accept Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds (State Solicitation) in the amount of \$10,000 for the School Resource Officer (SRO) K-9 Drug/Firearm Awareness Program, \$10,000 for the Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction (B.O.L.D.) Program and \$20,000 for the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Program.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (State Solicitation) is a competitive grant opportunity consisting of \$109,680 in Federal funding allocated for government entities within Alachua County. The Alachua County Sheriff's Office serves as the Grant Administrator. On July 7, 2014, the Gainesville Police Department presented three programs for consideration by the Policy Board. Two programs are a continued effort: Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Program and the Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction (B.O.L.D.). The School Resource Officer (SRO) Drug/Firearm Awareness Program was a new request.

The POP program requests funding for overtime details that address street level drugs within the City of Gainesville. The B.O.L.D. program requests funding to provide staff support and assistance to the at-risk population of 18-25 year old males. The funding for this program provides partial support for a part-time coordinator who will mentor, provide educational guidance and job search assistance for the participants. The SRO Drug/Firearm Awareness Program is a one-time request for K-9 and Officer training and equipment that will certify the K-9 and handler to proactively work with schools to reduce drugs and educate children about the dangers of drugs and firearms.

Each application is for a one-year funding cycle that will begin October 1, 2014. The current federal regulations do not require a match for the grant. The total amount requested for the Gainesville Police Department for all three programs is \$40,000.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to accept and execute the grant award and all other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the expenditures as outlined in the approved grant award.