



Legislation Text

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Forensic Capacity Hiring Program for Wounded Veterans (B)

This is a request for City Commission approval to accept for funding under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) FY 15 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces.

****ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES****

The Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps is a program developed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the National Center to Protect Children. The program provides training in high-tech computer forensics and law enforcement skills to wounded, injured and ill Special Operations veterans for the purpose of combatting online child exploitation.

GPD was notified we have been awarded the grant and now we would proceed to select an applicant from an available pool, or seek to select our own through specific criteria outlined in the award packet. The HERO employee would be a full time resource for Gainesville PD cases as well as Task Force Affiliate cases.

OJJDP made four awards of \$150,000 each for an estimated total of \$600,000 for a project period of up to 36 months, beginning October 1, 2015. This is a non-matching funding opportunity. Agencies will be required to fund the Digital Forensic Analyst position for a minimum of 24 months.

An amount of \$150,000 will suffice to support the equipment, training, and salary/benefits, of a civilian employee with the City of Gainesville for 24 months. Given the number of available awards, it is deemed unlikely that additional funding will be available to original recipients upon expiration of this award.

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) authorize the City Manager to accept these funds; and 3) execute any additional documents that may be required, pending review of the City Attorney as to form and legality.