



## Legislation Text

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### **State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) Funding for “You and the Law” Crime Prevention Program (NB)**

**This item requests that the City Commission appropriate and expend \$15,000 in funds from the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for Gainesville Police Department’s for “You and the Law” Program.**

The Police Department was awarded \$15,000 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Byrne Grant program to facilitate a new initiative by the Department to educate the youth about the law and the consequences of violating them. The program will involve instruction regarding laws and law enforcement and how it relates to juveniles in our community. A Law Professor with the University of Florida will facilitate classes for at-risk youth, young adults, parents and Neighborhood Crime Watches. Participants will be provided an informational booklet. This program is a continuation of the Police Department’s effort to assist high-risk youth that have the greatest likelihood of becoming part of the criminal justice system.

The ‘You and the Law’ grant from FDLE required no match. The grant application requests funding for equipment and a part-time staff member to oversee and supervise youth involved in meeting the objectives of the award. The funds requested from the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund are to provide additional funds needed to staff the program. Funds for this expenditure are available in the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund, as allowed under Florida State Statue 932.7055. The balance of the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund as of January 31, 2013 is \$81,150.

The City Commission authorize the appropriation of \$15,000 from the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund to supplement the grant awarded and assist with the implementation of the “You and the Law” Program.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission decline the appropriation and direct staff to seek alternative maintenance options and not implement new programs designed to curb youth violence.