



Legislation Text

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Funding for Gainesville Police Department Police Beat Television Show (B)

Request funding for the Gainesville Police Department's Police Beat Television Show from Federal Forfeiture funds for FY2014

The Gainesville Police Department's (GPD) Police Beat Television Show is part of the Department's Crime Prevention program. The show is used to: 1) explain how the Department provides services; 2) explain its community oriented policing initiatives; and 3) showcase crime prevention activities. The Police Department also uses the show to highlight various specialty unit operations. GPD has been producing the show for over ten years and has produced over 120 episodes. In the past year, GPD has highlighted numerous features about the Department. Additionally, GPD continues to use the show as a format to give the citizens of Gainesville crime prevention information and highlight numerous unsolved crimes in the hopes of gathering useful leads or new information. The requested funds will cover the production and airing of 12 new thirty-minute shows to air.

Funds for this one year agreement, covering the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, totaling \$49,500 are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund. The balance in the account for the unreserved amount is \$1,133,615 as of August 31, 2013.

The City Commission: 1) approve the expenditure, the extension to the contract and issuance of a purchase order to Studio 601, Inc., Gainesville, Florida in the amount of \$49,500 for the continuation of funding for the Police Beat Television show.

Alternative: The City Commission: deny funding for the program.