Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request 40

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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
FROM: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
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SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Proposed Allocation of the 2003-2005 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)

Statement of Issue:
This agenda item requests that the Board conduct a public hearing and approve the proposed allocation of the 2003-2005 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds, as required by federal law, and authorize staff to submit the 2003-2005 LLEBG application.

Background:
The LLEBG is a grant that the County receives annually from the U.S. Department of Justice. Since 1996 the County has used this funding to fund a variety of programs addressing criminal justice activities. For the 2003-2005 LLEBG (the grant cycle is 24 months), $108,304 has been allocated to Leon County. A LLEBG Advisory Board (Attachment #1), consisting of representatives of agencies as designated in program rules, has met and developed the recommendations presented in this agenda item.

Analysis:
A public hearing to discuss the proposed use of the funds is required by federal law as part of the 2003-2005 LLEBG process. The U.S. Department of Justice will notify Leon County when the programs are approved and staff will bring back an agenda item with the necessary contractual and budget forms. The programs proposed and the recommended funding for each are:

Program	Agency / Match Source	Gt. Amount	Match	Total
Adult Drug Court (i)	Court Administrator	$22,500	$2,500	$25,000
DARE/GREAT	School Board	$6,000	$ 667	$ 6,667
Neighborhood Justice Center (i)	County	$19,804	~~$1,556~~ 5,160	~~$21,360~~
Process Server	State Attorney	$20,000	$2,223	$22,223
Video Downlink	Sheriff	$40,000	$4,445	$44,445
Total		**108,304**	**$11,391**	**$119,695**

is made to provide a means to alleviate some of the workload demands. Funds will be used to place a part time OPS process server. It is anticipated the part time OPS person would be a Leon County Sheriff's office employee stationed in the Office of the State Attorney.

- **Video Downlink Equipment**

This technology will enable a video feed from the Sheriff's Office helicopter to remote sites in the Emergency Management Operations Center and the newly purchased Mobile Command & Communications Unit. The video downlink system will give supervisors on the ground the ability to see an aerial view of law enforcement situations, giving them more information when making public safety decisions.

Options:
1. Conduct the public hearing on the proposed allocation of 2003-2005 LLEBG funds.

2. Approve the submittal of the grant application using the recommendations of the LLEBG Advisory Committee.

3. Board direction.

Recommendation:
Options #1 and #2

Attachments :
1. LLEBG Advisory Board Roster

2. Public Notice

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