



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUL 08 2014 NP/KH

June 13, 2014

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners
THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director *Lonnie C Bell*
Family Services Department
FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, J.D. *LBW*
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division
SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item – July 8, 2014
Countywide Crime Prevention Grant

Orange County, as authorized in Chapter 163.501-523, *Florida Statutes*, created the Safe Neighborhood Program. The program is funded by fines on criminal activity, as authorized by Chapter 775.083, *Florida Statutes*, which allows the County to place revenue in a Crime Prevention Fund. Locally, two ordinances define the Safe Neighborhood Program: Ordinance No. 98-01 and Ordinance No. 02-02. The program funds benefit nine targeted areas, including the Orange Blossom Trail Safe Neighborhood, as well as a countywide Crime Prevention Grant Program. The Board authorized the creation of the countywide Crime Prevention Grant Program in July 2004.

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division administers the Crime Prevention Grant Program, which provides funds for citizen organizations to help increase safety and decrease crime in their neighborhoods. The grant is available countywide between \$500 and \$10,000. The Crime Prevention Grant Program accepts applications on a monthly basis. Currently, the Crime Prevention Grant Program has no remaining funds. Staff recommends approval of applications on a case by case basis to be funded from the Crime Prevention Trust Fund. Staff is requesting \$5,350 to fund the July 2014 Crime Prevention Grant Project.

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division staff performs a detailed technical review on each application received. The staff examines various aspects of the project, including the potential reduction in crime or increased safety, the project cost, impact on the community, and the ability of the organization to execute the project and maintain any physical improvements. The Sheriff's Office helped to develop the grant program criteria and assists applicants in developing projects that reduce or deter criminal activity. Organizations are required to provide a letter of support from the Sheriff's Office, which has been provided for these projects.

Several measures are in place to ensure proper monitoring and compliance with the program guidelines. All grant funds are distributed through the County's purchase order process, and there are no direct cash payments to the selected organizations. Applicants are required to complete projects, as documented on the invoices from vendors and their status reports.

Every organization that completes a physical improvement project must also demonstrate the ability to independently maintain the improvement. Staff concludes the monitoring process for each grant awarded by conducting detailed site visits to ensure compliance with the requirements.

The Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB) is recommending approval of River's Edge HOA Crime Prevention Grant for July 2014 (see Attachment A). The grant request was reviewed by Orange County staff and presented to the NGAB for recommendation. The application was reviewed based on project feasibility, organizational readiness, and benefit to the community. The grant request is displayed in greater detail in Attachment B.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the July 2014 Crime Prevention Grant as recommended by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for River's Edge HOA (\$5,350). District 3.

Attachments

c: Lyndon Carter, Chairperson, Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board
Raul Gonzalez, Commander, Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit
Antwan Nelson, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

Orange County Board of County Commissioners
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District	Organization	Description of the Project	Requested Amount	NGAB Recommendation	Local Municipality Police Review	Sheriff Review
3	River's Edge HOA	Fence Installations and Landscaping	\$5,350	Yes	N/A	Yes
		Total Requests	\$5,350			

Crime Prevention Grant Summary

Organization Name: River's Edge HOA	Request Amount: \$5,350
Commission District 3: Pete Clarke	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: N/A	Total Project Cost: \$5,350
Property Ownership: Private	OCSO Support Letter: Yes
	Municipal Police Letter: N/A

Summary: The Association wishes to install fencing and hazardous vegetation along the rear perimeter of their community to prevent trespassing.

