



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2015

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director
Family Services Department

Lonnie C Bell Jr

FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, Esq., MPA, MSP
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item – April 7, 2015
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.

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 two Crime Prevention Grants for April 2015 (see Attachment A). The grant requests were reviewed by Orange County staff and presented to the NGAB for recommendation. The applications were reviewed based on project feasibility, organizational readiness, and benefit to the community. The grant requests are displayed in greater detail in Attachment B and C.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the April 2015 Crime Prevention Grants as recommended by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for Hidden Valley of Cypress Creek HOA (\$1,500) and Oak Park HOA (\$10,000). Districts 1 and 6.

Attachments

c: Yuri Melich, Sergeant, Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit
Antwan Nelson, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division
Lyndon Carter, Chairperson, Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board

Orange County Board of County Commissioners
 April 7, 2015 Consent Agenda
 Countywide Crime Prevention Grants – ATTACHMENT A

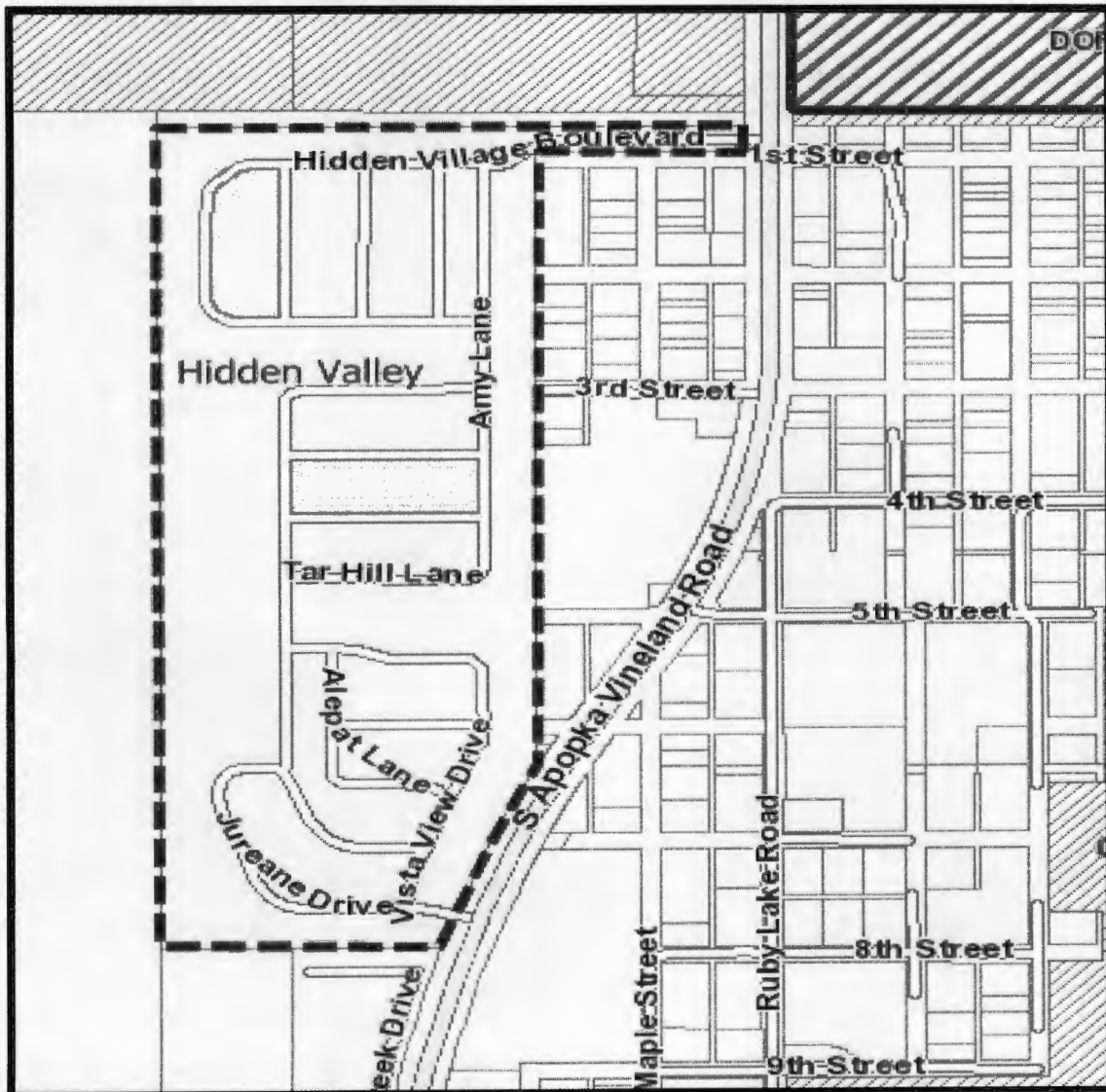
District	Organization	Description of the Project	Requested Amount	NGAB Recommendation	Local Municipality Police Review	Sheriff Review
1	Hidden Valley of Cypress Creek HOA	Fire Safety Materials and Training	\$1,500	Yes	N/A	Yes
6	Oak Park HOA	Fence Installation and Landscaping	\$10,000	Yes	N/A	Yes
		Total Requests	\$11,500			

Attachment B

Crime Prevention Grant Summary

Organization Name: Hidden Valley of Cypress Creek HOA	Request Amount: \$1,500
Commission District 1: Scott Boyd	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: Unincorporated Orange County	Total Project Cost: \$1,500
Property Ownership: Private	OCSO Support Letter: Yes
	Municipal Police Letter: N/A

Summary: Neighborhood wishes to use funds for fire safety materials and training.



Attachment C

**Crime Prevention Grant
Summary**

Organization Name: Oak Park HOA	Request Amount: \$10,000
Commission District 6: Victoria Siplin	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: Unincorporated Orange County	Total Project Cost: \$10,000
Property Ownership: Private	OCSO Support Letter: Yes
	Municipal Police Letter: N/A

Summary: Neighborhood wishes to use funds to repair fence and place hostile vegetation.

