



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Council Session

## Item E6

### Public Hearing on Proposed Use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds

#### **BACKGROUND:**

*The Grand Island Police Department is eligible for federal LLEBG funds annually. This year, our award is \$33,593. Because of Hall County being federally designated as a “disparate community”, 25% of the funds will be awarded to the Hall County Sheriff’s Office. Our share, including the city match of \$2,604, will be \$23,432. These funds are not to be used for personnel costs; just police equipment.*

#### **DISCUSSION:**

*There is a federal mandate that requires a public hearing regarding the dispersing of the block grant funds. Additionally, a grant advisory board meeting was held to discuss the funds allocation. In September 2002, members of the grant advisory board consisting of Dr. Kent Mann, Jerry Janulewicz, Carol Castleberry, Charlotte Lanzdorf, and I discussed the 2001 grant. We are now asking to hold the public hearing for any input from the community.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*The grant funds are tentatively allocated for the following: portable radios with replacement batteries and chargers and for supplemental replacement and installation costs of wireless communication equipment. It is allowable to carry over a portion LLEBG funds from year to year. I would propose that not all of these funds be specifically earmarked because of unforeseen equipment needs.*

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

*Our cash match for 2002 LLEBG is \$2,604, which has been budgeted.*

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

*Reallocate funds; refuse the grant.*

*It is appropriate at this time to solicit public comment. The action item is contained under the Consent Agenda.*

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