



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 12, 2003

Council Session

Item E1

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

The Grand Island Police Department is eligible for federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds annually. This year, our award is \$27,409.00. 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’s 9% match of \$1,665.10 comes to \$20,266.18. The grant funds can only be used for police equipment costs.

There is a federal mandate that requires a public hearing regarding the dispersing of the block grant funds. Additionally, a grant advisory board is required to meet to discuss allocation of the funds. In August of 2003, members of the grant advisory board consisting of Dr. Kent Mann, Jerry Janulewicz, Carol Castleberry, Charlotte Lanhndorf, and I discussed the 2003 grant.

The grant funds are tentatively allocated for the following: portable radios, replace radio batteries, and replacement batteries for our patrol officers rechargeable flashlights. As in years past, I would propose that not all of these funds be specifically earmarked because of unforeseen equipment needs. The action item is contained under the Consent Agenda.

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