



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 12, 2003

Council Session

Item G11

#2003-219 - Approving Proposed Use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds

This item relates to the aforementioned Public Hearing. 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. Approval is recommended.

Staff Contact: Kyle Hetrick

RESOLUTION 2003-219

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department has received notification that they have been awarded \$20,266.18 in grant funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be used for police equipment, not personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 12, 2003 as required to discuss the proposed use of such funds; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the grant funds be used for the following purposes: portable radios with replacement batteries, replacement batteries for patrol officers' rechargeable flashlights, and unforeseen equipment needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that approval be granted to utilize approximately \$20,266.18 of grant funds received from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants program for the items listed above.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 12, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk