

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 Council Session

Item E4

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

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Captain Robert Falldorf, Police Department

Meeting: September 14, 2004

Subject: Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

(LLEBG) 2004

Item #'s: E-4 & G-13

Presenter(s): Kyle Hetrick, Chief of Police

Background

The Grand Island Police Department is eligible for federal LLEBG funds annually. This year, our award is \$7,388. 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. On August 17, 2004 members of the grant advisory board consisting of Dr. Kent Mann, Jerry Janulewicz, Charlotte Lahndorf, Carol Castleberry, and Captain Robert Falldorf discussed the 2004 grant. The grant funds are tentatively allocated to purchase four LED Rotation Lights for patrol vehicles at an approximate cost of \$7,400. We are now asking to hold the public hearing for any input from the community.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

- 1. Approve the grant as discussed.
- 2. Disapprove or /Deny the grant.
- 3. Modify/reallocate the grant funds to meet the wishes of the Council.
- 4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the grant as discussed.

Sample Motion

Approve the 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant as awarded and the proposed expenditures.