

1. Requested Motion:

Corporate Meeting Date:

Approve the distribution of funds for the Lee County Sheriff's Office multi-jurisdictional grant application that will benefit the criminal justice system of Lee County and the Town.

Why the action is necessary:

A condition of the grant award requires local units of government to approve of the distribution of funds.

What the action accomplishes:

Support for LCSO to move forward with the grant application for \$283,134 for use on specified projects.

2. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

- Resolution
- Ordinance
- Other: Grant

4. Submitter of Information:

- Council
- Town Staff
- Town Attorney

5. Background:

Each year LCSO identifies grant eligible projects and pursues federal grant funds for the designated projects. A description of this year's recommended grant projects is attached.

The approval letters from each local government will accompany the grant application.

Attached: Letter of approval, description of projects to be supported by the grant.

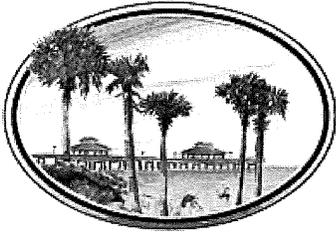
6. Alternative Action: Decline to approve the request, which may result in denial of the grant award.

7. Management Recommendations: Approve the distribution of funds.

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action: Approved Denied Deferred Other



Town of Fort Myers Beach

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June 7, 2010

Mr. Clayton H. Wilder
Administrator
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
Department of Law Enforcement
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Mr. Wilder:

In compliance with State of Florida *Rule 11D-9*, F.A.C., the Town of Fort Myers Beach approves the distribution of \$283,134 (total allocation available) of the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds for the following projects within Lee County:

<u>Subgrantee</u> <u>(City or County)</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u> <u>(Federal Funds)</u>
Lee County (Human Services)	Lee County Triage Center/ Low Demand Shelter Operation	\$129,244
Lee County (Law Enforcement)	Enhancement of Lee County Sheriff's Office Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit	\$90,914
City of Cape Coral	Communications Equipment Enhancement	\$49,000
City of Fort Myers	Crisis Intervention Team training	\$11,145
City of Sanibel	Enhancement of Wireless Police Reporting System	\$2,831
		<u>Total: \$283,134</u>

Sincerely,

Larry Kiker, Mayor
Town of Fort Myers Beach

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Mr. Kiker,

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program provides grant funds to state and local units of government for projects designed to improve functioning of the criminal justice system. This year, \$283,134 is available for projects in Lee County. A condition of participation requires local units of government to reach consensus on the expenditure of these funds. An attached letter of support for the projects listed below is requested to meet this requirement:

Lee County Human Services

Amount: \$129,244

Funding will be used to pay the estimated \$55 per diem rate to house individuals at the Lee County Triage Center/Low Demand Shelter. The Triage Center is a single point of entry for law enforcement officers to divert individuals being charged or at risk of being charged with minor ordinance violation or non-violent offenses. It is at the discretion of law enforcement to utilize the facility as a voluntary alternative to arrest. Many individuals being brought to the Triage Center are homeless and have a substance use disorder or mental illness, often an underlying reason for the nuisance type crimes that brought them to the attention of law enforcement.

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Amount: \$90,914

Funding will be used to add a full-time narcotics detective to the Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit. This will allow investigators to combat overdose deaths and fight unscrupulous licensed physicians, registered nurses, nursing staff and health care service employees who are stealing pharmaceuticals and diverting those prescription drugs to street level dealers for profit.

Cape Coral Police Department

Amount: \$49,000

Funding will be used for implementation of a P-25 compliant radio system for Lee County police and fire. The project culminates an \$8 million Community Oriented Policing Services grant awarded to the City of Cape Coral in September 2007.

Fort Myers Police Department

Amount: \$11,145

Funding will be used for training focused on mental health and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for the sworn personnel. The CIT program teaches officers about mental illnesses, the local service delivery system and effective ways to de-escalate a person experiencing a crisis due to a mental illness.

Sanibel Police Department

Amount: \$2,831

Funding will be used to improve its wireless police reporting system through the purchase of computer equipment for a patrol officer.