

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2005

SUBJECT: Governor's Crime Commission Grants

ATTACHMENTS: Memo from Captain Rick Davis

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Sheriff is interested in applying for two grants for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 through the Governor's Crime Commission. Attached is a memo from Captain Rick Davis detailing these requests. As noted in Captain Davis' memo these grants, if approved, would provide Henderson County with \$326,171.16 to purchase advanced emergency communications equipment. All Crime Commission grants require a 25% local match. The total local match for these two grants would be \$81,542.79 (\$37,497.75 & \$44,045.04). The Board of Commissioners must formally authorize the Sheriff to proceed with the grant application process and certify to the Governor's Crime Commission that, if the grants are approved, the required matching funds will be allocated in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

If approved and funded, the equipment included in these grant requests will be of great benefit to the Sheriff's Department and, more importantly, to the citizens of Henderson County. It will ease the manner in which emergency communications can be processed and enhance the ability of the Sheriff's Department and other emergency services agencies to quickly respond to emergency situations. It is recommended that the Board authorize the Sheriff to proceed with the formal application process and certify to the Governor's Crime Commission that, if the grants are approved, \$81,542.79 for matching funds will be included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

Memorandum

To: Justin Hembree, Assistant County Manager

From: Captain Rick Davis, Sheriff's Office Support Services Div.

Date: 23 December 2004

Re: 2005 Grant Request

The Sheriff's Office is requesting two grants through the Governor's Crime Commission which would begin 1 July 2005. Both of these are 75%-25% matching grants.

Pre-Grant #176, Mobile Data Communications: We are requesting the funding for seventeen Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs). MDTs are proving to be a critical tool in modern law enforcement, and have multiple purposes:

- 1) Officers in the field perform their own inquiries for license tags, wanted (persons, vehicles), stolen items, etc.
- 2) Ability to perform investigations in a field environment through Coplink, NCIC, and DCI
- 3) Allows 911 operators to carry out other needed duties.
- 4) Secured, reliable means of communication between officers in the field and any other officer, or agency equipped with a terminal.
- 5) Reports, training, and other items of routine are carried out quickly and more efficiently by utilizing an MDT.

Henderson County's one-time match would be \$37,497.75.

Pre-Grant #179, Radio Consoles/Control Stations for Dispatch: We are also requesting the addition of two 911 center consoles.

When the 9-1-1 center was opened in 1997 our overall calls for service total was 52,611. As of December 2004 our YTD CFS total was 109,322. All calls (incoming, outgoing, and transfer) for 2004 was approximately 288,000. During any type of disaster (i.e. hurricane, flooding, ice storm, etc.), the 911 operators are frequently forced to triage 911 calls, placing some callers temporarily on hold. The addition of two more consoles should virtually eliminate the triaging of emergency calls.

Henderson County's one-time match would be \$44,045.04.

Successful funding of these grant projects will obtain \$326,171.16 of needed equipment for a Total Henderson County obligation of \$81,542.79.