



## CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Honorable Wayne Bolla  
Chairman of Finance & Audit Committee  
Clay County Board of County Commissioners  
477 Houston Street  
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RE: FY16-17 Grants for the Finance and Audit Committee Agenda

The Sheriff's Office is providing notification of its intent to apply for the following grants:

**Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG) Grant – Local Solicitation from the Department of Justice.**

The awarded amount of \$43,433 is intended for the purpose of funding a range of program areas including law enforcement and technology improvement programs. The agency intends to use the funds to purchase hardware and software to further improve the technology needs within the agency. This includes the replacement of equipment previously purchased with grant funds.

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant – State Solicitation.**

The funding amount from this grant is yet to be determined and supports the Clay County multijurisdictional Drug Task Force. Grants funds are used to pay for investigative overtime costs associated with task force operations and related search warrants activities. The Drug Task Force is comprised of law enforcement officers from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Green Cove Springs Police Department and the Orange Park Police Department.

**The Firehouse Subs Grant.** The requested funding is to be determined. The agency will use the funds to purchase safety equipment such as automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and tactical medical kits. AEDs and tactical medical kits are used to assist in life saving medical treatment on calls where law enforcement arrives on scene before emergency medical services have arrived. This is a continuation of the Sheriff's project to have all patrol vehicles equipped with safety equipment.

**Spirit of Blue Grant.** The award of this grant is based on available funds. The funding amount is to be determined to purchase safety equipment such as AED units and ballistic shields. The purchase of the AEDs will continue the Sheriff's project of equipping all patrol vehicles with AED units. Ballistic shields give our deputies a tactical advantage when approaching suspects and offers limited cover and protection in circumstances involving gunfire.

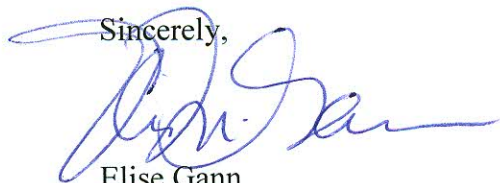
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**The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant.** The award of this grant is based on available funds. SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions. Grant funds are used for correctional purposes including overtime costs.

**Bullet Proof Vest Partnership.** Funds from this grant assist in offsetting the costs of purchasing bullet proof vests issued to the agency's law enforcement members.

The Sheriff's Office applies for these grants every year and uses the funds to help preserve tax dollars. There is no match requirement for any of these grants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elise Gann', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Elise Gann  
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Sheriff Rick Beseler  
Colonel Craig D. Aldrich  
Angela Goodermote, Budget Analyst, BOCC  
Stephanie Russ, Budget Director, BOCC