

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAMS

Description

In June 1997, the vehicle impounding ordinance number 97-4002 was enacted, providing for the impounding of vehicles used to facilitate prostitution or drug related crimes. This process differed from vehicle or other property confiscation in that a vehicle may be impounded when probable cause exists, whereas confiscation may occur only after proof in court and with the illegal use occurring with owner knowledge. Impounded vehicles may be regained by owners, but confiscated property is used by law enforcement under terms of applicable law and regulation. . Effective January 1, 2001, this source of revenue was moved from the General Fund to a Special Revenue Fund because it is split each year between the Neighborhood Partnership Office and the Nuisance Abatement Board. However, on October 1, 2003 the Fourth District Court of Appeals declared that the City of Hollywood, Florida exceeded its municipal powers by enacting its vehicle impoundment ordinance. Since the City of Sarasota's ordinance is similar to Hollywood's, the City Attorney recommended that the City immediately cease enforcement of the vehicle impound ordinance.

Beginning Fund Balance

\$0

Revenue Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
TRANSFERS	10,000	38,000	48,000
Totals	\$10,000	\$38,000	\$48,000

Department Expenditure Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP OFFICE	10,000	38,000	48,000
Totals	\$10,000	\$38,000	\$48,000

Ending Fund Balance

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Enhancement of Neighborhood Grant Program

\$33,000 of this issue requests restoration of previous funding level. The income, averaging \$37,000 per year, for the Neighborhood Grant Program ceased in FY 2005 due to an attorney general ruling on litigation elsewhere in Florida. Since that time, the fund balance has slowly dwindled to almost zero. This issue would provide funding for 10 neighborhood grants at \$2,500 for neighborhoods under 1,000 homes and 2 at \$4,000 for neighborhood with over 1,000 homes. Any remaining funding would be utilized for neighborhood leadership participation in the Neighborhoods USA and Florida Neighborhoods Conference.

An additional \$5,000 would restore money in the Neighborhood Grant Program to provide event support (provisions, printing, postage and mailing) for new and dormant associations within the City. However, staff proposes a shorter version of the grant application to be processed at an administrative level. Grass roots leadership may request up to \$ 250, one-time annually. All money to be expended as reimbursements or direct pays to vendors. This budget issue will allow the approval of 20 grants.

Cost of Issue

Personal	0
Operating	38,000
Capital	0
Transfers	0
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Total	\$38,000

Revenue

TRANSFERS	38,000
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	38,000

Net Cost of Issue \$0

CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA
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	Actual 2004-05	Budget 2005-06	Amended Budget 2005-06	Estimated 2005-06	Budget 2006-07
Available Fund Balance	\$ 39,856	\$ 8,249	\$ 15,456	\$ 15,456	\$ -
<u>Revenue</u>					
Fines	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	48,000
Total Revenues	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	48,000
Estimated Funds Available	49,856	18,249	25,456	25,456	48,000
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Neighborhood Grants	-	-	-	-	48,000
Crime Related Grants	25,202	8,249	12,302	12,302	-
Non-Crime Related Grants	9,198	10,000	13,154	13,154	-
Total Expenditures	34,400	18,249	25,456	25,456	48,000
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 15,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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