

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAMS

Description

In June 1997, the vehicle-impounding ordinance was enacted, providing for the impounding of vehicles used to facilitate prostitution or drug related crimes. Owners can regain impounded vehicles after paying a fine. In December 1998, the Commission approved an equal division of the revenue generated from civil seizure fines to be used as grants to qualifying neighborhoods in the subsequent year and to defray costs of the Nuisance Abatement Board. Commencing with the 2009-10 budget, the administration is recommending that the first \$50,000 be set aside for the Neighborhood Grant Program, with any excess transferred to the General Fund to defray expenses of the Nuisance Abatement Program, including legal costs.

The above \$50,000 will be used for neighborhood grants (with at least two grant cycles per fiscal year), with up to \$3,000 for neighborhoods under 1,000 households, and up to \$5,000 for neighborhoods with over 1,000 households. If funding remains after the last grant cycle of the fiscal year, such funds may be used toward neighborhood leadership participation related to the annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference and Neighborhoods USA Conference, costs associated with the annual National Night Out Against Crime Event, and other neighborhood-related expenditures consistent with the intent of the Neighborhood Grant Program.

Beginning Fund Balance \$120,435

Revenue Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
FINES & FORFEITURES	150,000	0	150,000
INTEREST	0	0	0
Totals	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000

Department Expenditure Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
NEIGHBORHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	50,000	0	50,000
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	175,000	0	175,000
Totals	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000

Ending Fund Balance 45,435

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	Actual 2007-08	Budget 2008-09	Amended Budget 2008-09	Estimated 2008-09	Budget 2009-10
Available Fund Balance	\$ 70,287	\$ 44,000	\$ 100,927	\$ 100,927	\$ 120,435
<u>Revenue</u>					
Fines	125,985	90,000	90,000	150,000	150,000
Total Revenues	125,985	90,000	90,000	150,000	150,000
Estimated Funds Available	196,272	134,000	190,927	250,927	270,435
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Neighborhood Grants	32,159	44,000	56,500	62,992	50,000
Transfer to Nuisance Abatement	63,186	45,000	45,000	67,500	175,000
Total Expenditures	95,345	89,000	101,500	130,492	225,000
Projected Ending Balance	<u>\$ 100,927</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 89,427</u>	<u>\$ 120,435</u>	<u>\$ 45,435</u>



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