

RESOLUTION 2000 - 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2000 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO RECEIVE UNANTICIPATED REVENUE AND AUTHORIZE ITS EXPENDITURE BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the County operating budget is annually prepared prior to knowing the actual amount of grant funds which may be received by the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida, when preparing the budget for Fiscal Year 2000, did not anticipate receiving grant funds from the State of Florida above and beyond those projected by the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Department of Transportation has made available additional grant dollars for the implementation of a cooperative program with the Florida Highway Patrol to address the problem of excessive speed; and

WHEREAS, this program, known as Aggressive Combined Enforcement (ACE), will enhance the public awareness of excessive speed violations and for the purchase of enforcement equipment for increased enforcement activity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has approved additional grant funds to St. Johns County for Fiscal Year 2000 that exceeds budgeted grant amounts by \$69,125.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above "Whereas" statements are adopted as a finding of fact.
2. The General Fund revenue and expenditure budgets shall be adjusted to account for unanticipated funds from the State of Florida in the amount of \$69,125 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 14th day of March, 2000.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: James E. Bryant
Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia Lopez
Deputy Clerk



Florida Department of Transportation

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SECRETARY

January 10, 2000

Res. V. K. K. K.

Mr. Ben W. Adams
County Administrator
St. Johns County
4010 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, Florida 32095

Re: St. Johns County/FHP Aggressive Combined
Enforcement (ACE) Team
Project # FS-00-27-10-01
Contract # A1162

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your application to the Florida Department of Transportation for highway safety funds has been approved. We are pleased to make this award in the amount of ~~\$69,125.00~~ \$69,125 to your agency for the purpose of purchasing one S.M.A.R.T. trailer, six laser radar devices, 13 Genesis II radar devices, two Stalker radar devices and one computer mapping device. These speed measuring devices will be disbursed among several law enforcement agencies to enhance compliance with existing traffic laws. A copy of the approved project agreement with the referenced project number and title is enclosed for your file. All correspondence with the Department should always refer to the project number and title.

Your attention is directed to Part V of the subgrant entitled "Acceptance and Agreement". These conditions should be reviewed carefully by those persons responsible for project administration to avoid delays in project completion and cost reimbursements. The effective date of the agreement is January 5, 2000 and only those costs incurred on or after that date are eligible for reimbursement.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lisa Helms, who will be coordinating this activity, at (850) 488-5455.

Sincerely,

George E. Rice, Jr.
State Safety Engineer

GER:lh

Enclosures

cc: Sheriff Perry
Mike Cochran
Randy Capo
Troy Ayers
Mike Soto
Virginia Waldron

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUBGRANT APPLICATION
FOR
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDS

<i>For D.O.T. Use Only</i>	
Project Number: PS-00-27-10-01	DOT Contract Number: AI162
Federal Funds Allocated: \$69,125.00	Date Approved: AI162
Subgrant Period: 1/5/00 - 09/30/00	Date Revised:
Subgrant History: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____	

SECTION 163 FUNDS

Part I: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

(See Instructions for Highway Safety Subgrant Applications)

- Project Title: ST JOHNS COUNTY/FHP AGGRESSIVE COMBINED ENFORCEMENT (ACE) TEAM
- Type of Application: Initial Continuation
- Requested Subgrant Period: 01 JANUARY 2000 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2000
- Support Sought: \$69,125 Matching Share: 0 Total Budget: \$69,125

5. Applicant Agency (Subgrantee):
ST. JOHNS COUNTY
4010 LEWIS SPEEDWAY
ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32095

BEN ADAMS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Telephone: 904-823-2509

6. Implementing Agency:
ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
4015 LEWIS SPEEDWAY
ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32095

NEIL J. PERRY, SHERIFF

Telephone: 904-824-8304

7. Federal ID Number:
596000825-104

8. State SAMAS Number (State Agencies Only)

9. Chief Financial Officer:
MIKE COCHRAN
ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
4015 LEWIS SPEEDWAY
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10. Project Director:
RANDY CAPO
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11. Project Summary: Briefly describe the problem and the proposed solution.
THERE HAS BEEN A 35% INCREASE OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN ST JOHNS COUNTY IN THE LAST YEAR IN WHICH SPEED HAS BEEN A FACTOR. A TEAM OF OFFICERS IN ST JOHNS COUNTY HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC AWARENESS TOWARD TRAFFIC SAFETY IN ST JOHNS COUNTY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES. WE WILL BE WRITING A HOST OF VIOLATIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CRASHES AND THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES.

Part II: PROJECT PLAN AND SUPPORTING DATA

State clearly and in detail the aims of the project, precisely what will be done, who will be involved, and what is expected to result. Use the following major headings:

1. Statement of the Problem
2. Proposed Solution
3. Objectives
4. Evaluation
5. Milestones (Use form provided)

State below and use continuation pages as necessary.

Statement of Problem:

St Johns County is 608 square miles with approximately 113,000 full time residents. During holidays and special events the population increases due to the tourist industry.

St Johns County has recorded 99 traffic fatalities in the past three years. Of these fatalities 80% can be contributed to speed and/or alcohol.

1997	1998	1999
23	30	46

The majority of the fatalities took place between the hours of 1600-1800 and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The accidents have not been documented to occur at a peak in any certain month.

Proposed Solution:

Law Enforcement agencies in St Johns County will educate the public in the importance of complying with posted speed limits. This will be accomplished through public awareness campaigns and law enforcement activities. The officers (ACE team) will be assigned to work primarily the evening shifts during the latter part of the week. Their patrol areas will be determined by the incidence of aggressive driving and related activity.

The ACE team will participate in public awareness activities to make St Johns County residents aware of the traffic problem existing around them. Presentations will be made to businesses, civic groups, student assemblies and others as available. The officers assigned to this team may be assigned to the day shift as the need arises for participation in public awareness events.

The Ace team will conduct saturation patrols in January, April, July and September and establish a zero tolerance attitude toward aggressive driving. Officers assigned to this team will also participate in enhanced speed enforcement activities.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase the number of aggressive driving citations by 25% by October 2000.
2. To conduct 10 public awareness events.
3. To reduce the number of traffic fatalities to less than 25 for year 2000.
4. To reduce by 10% high end speeds in excess of six miles per hour over posted speed during 2000.

EVALUATION:

St Johns County Sheriff's Office will evaluate the overall success of the project based on comparison of traffic crash data provided by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Local data will also be used to evaluate the project's effectiveness. Citation data will be used to determine if the agency meets it's goals for zero tolerance of aggressive driving.