

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

DIVISION:

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval for the Sheriffs Office to execute and submit grant application to the US Department of Justice, FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

County-wide

Penny J. Fleming

BACKGROUND:

Seminole County has tentatively been approved to receive funds from the FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice related research and evaluation.

The tentative amount of the grant allocation is \$63,080 with no required match. The Sheriff's Office plans to utilize these funds to enter into a contract with UCF College of Criminal Justice to conduct a research project on our juvenile program efficiencies and recidivism. The project would perform a longitudinal study that would make a comparison of the programs being used by our juveniles for the past five to seven years and make some determinations as to the effectiveness of the programming and the likelihood of successful termination from probation or conditional release. The study would also look for factors that may suggest recidivism.

One of the basic ways we can advance our knowledge of juvenile justice programs and methods is through evaluation. Assessments of our programs would be of great assistance to us in determining where to target our scarce resources so that we implement more effective juvenile justice practices to reduce delinquency.

<p>Additionally Reviewed By:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Review (Jennifer Bero, Lisa Spriggs)</p>
