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**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff's Office

**DIVISION:**

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Sharon Peters, Sabrina O'Bryan    **CONTACT:** Penny Fleming    **EXT:** 6617

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval for the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

County-wide

Sheriff Don Eslinger

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has tentatively been approved to receive funds in the amount of \$19,177 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). JAG Blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The JAG provides funds to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is currently transitioning from VHS style In-Care Camera systems to Digital In-Car Video Camera Systems to enhance the quality of video evidence collected in alcohol and drug abuse cases. The objective is to significantly support and enhance the ability to prosecute cases, provide proof of alcohol/drug use, and provide credible testimony in court. Funding from this grant will assist in the purchase of approximately 3 Digital In-Car Video Cameras and accessories.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Board approval for the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. JAG Request Letter from Sheriff's Office

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**MEMORANDUM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**1703-08-040**

**TO:** Lisa Spriggs, Director of Fiscal Services  
**FROM:** Penny J. Fleming, Chief, Administrative Services  
**DATE:** July 28, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.

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The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting Board approval for the Chairman to approve the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit a grant application to the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.

It is respectfully requested that the approval to apply for the 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Office of Justice Programs be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 407-665-6617 or Elizabeth Vergara, Grants Manager at 407-665-6742.

C: Cindy Coto  
County Manager