

## 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. In 2009-10 and 2010-11 the first \$50,000 was 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. Due to dwindling fines being collected, commencing with the 2011-12 budget, only \$25,000 is being set aside for Neighborhood Grants, with any excess transferred to the General Fund to defray the expenses of the Nuisance Abatement Program.

The above \$25,000 will be used for neighborhood grants (with at least one grant cycle 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** \$59,863

### Revenue Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
Fines & Forfeitures	40,000	0	40,000
Interest	0	0	0
Totals	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000

### Department Expenditure Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
Neighborhood and Development Services	25,000	0	25,000
Support Services Division	15,000	0	15,000
Totals	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000

**Ending Fund Balance** 59,863

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	Actual 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Amended Budget 2013-14	Estimated 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
Available Fund Balance	\$ 76,081	\$ 54,863	\$ 76,799	\$ 76,799	\$ 59,863
<u>Revenue</u>					
Fines	37,607	30,000	30,000	50,000	40,000
Total Revenues	37,607	30,000	30,000	50,000	40,000
Estimated Funds Available	113,688	84,863	106,799	126,799	99,863
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Neighborhood Grants	24,282	25,000	41,936	41,936	25,000
Tsf to GF for Nuisance Abatement	12,607	5,000	5,000	25,000	15,000
Total Expenditures	36,889	30,000	46,936	66,936	40,000
Projected Ending Balance	<u>\$ 76,799</u>	<u>\$ 54,863</u>	<u>\$ 59,863</u>	<u>\$ 59,863</u>	<u>\$ 59,863</u>