



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 03/18/2025

Proposed Resolution No. R25-061- Ratifying the City's application for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Online Sting Operations Grant Program, and if awarded, authorize the City to accept the Grant and authorizing the Mayor or Chief of Police to sign all documents associated with the Grant subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R25-061.

Explanation of Request:

State funding is provided to establish the Online Sting Operations Grant Program within the FDLE, aimed at supporting local law enforcement agencies in developing sting operations to identify individuals attempting to solicit children online.

Grant funds must be used specifically for the creation or implementation of online sting operations targeting individuals who solicit children online. The funds may cover expenses for necessary equipment, such as computers, electronics, software, and other related supplies.

To expand our agency's ability to identify, disrupt, and dismantle activities by online offenders soliciting children, our agency requires expanded technology, electronics and equipment as it relates to evidence processing. Offenders are reliant on digital devices to connect with minors online and conduct illegal activities. The addition of new computer equipment and software will enhance our agency's ability to investigate these crimes. The application was submitted on February 27, 2025.

How will this affect city programs or services? By allocating resources to combat online child exploitation, the Police Department can enhance its ability to protect vulnerable populations, particularly children, from predatory behavior. This funding supports law enforcement in identifying and apprehending offenders, thereby creating a safer environment in the City.

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact: If awarded, the City of Boynton Beach Police Department may receive up to \$238,160.79 in grant funds with no cash match.

Attachments:

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