

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: **October 21, 2003**

TITLE: A Request to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and Request to Set a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Proposed Use of the Grant Funds

DEPARTMENT: Police	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <u>X</u> NO <u> </u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Carolyn Hutchison, 918-7412; Captain Joel Booker, 918-7410

PURPOSE

The Carrboro Police Department has received approval from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for a year 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). This grant is for \$11,280.00 and requires a 10% match (\$1,253.00) from the Town of Carrboro. The administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution accepting the grant, authorizing the payment of the Town's 10% match from the Police Department's operational budget, and scheduling a public hearing for November 11, 2003 to receive public comment on the proposed expenditure of these grant funds.

INFORMATION

The Carrboro Police Department proposes to use this money to purchase and upgrade police information systems in our continuing effort to enhance our ability to communicate interdepartmentally and with outside agencies. In addition, we propose to purchase specialized equipment to be used, if necessary, for crowd control. Such equipment is standard for use by police officers and recommended by local experts and Homeland Security personnel. The LLEBG grant is specifically for the purchase of equipment.

As in previous years, a Grant Advisory Board will be established to assist in making recommendations on the use of the grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant requires a 10% match of \$1,253.00. This amount will be taken from our line item designating \$2,000.00 for the local match for grants.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen:

- 1) Accept the grant;
- 2) Allow \$1,253.00 to be taken from the Police Department's budget for use as matching funds; and
- 3) As required by the LLEBG grants, schedule a public hearing for the November 11, 2003 meeting of the Board of Aldermen to receive public comment on the proposed expenditure of the grant.