

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: November 11, 2003

**TITLE: Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Proposed Expenditure of the Year 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

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

### 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. On October 21, 2003, the Board adopted a 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. The purpose of this agenda item is to receive public comment on the expenditure of the 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.

In addition, the Police Department will consider any public input we receive tonight.

### 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 receive public comment on the proposed expenditure of the grant.