



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

December 16, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director
Planning, Environmental, and Development Services
Department

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SUBJECT: January 25, 2022 – Consent Item
December 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants

The Neighborhood Services Division administers the Non-Profit Safety Grant which provides funds up to \$10,000 to non-profit organizations to implement crime prevention and public safety related projects and initiatives in Orange County. This grant is supported by the local Crime Prevention Fund which also funds the Safe Neighborhoods Program, the Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District, and Orange Blossom Trail Safe Neighborhood.

After a detailed review of each grant application, the Neighborhood Services Division forwarded applications to the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB) for review on December 14, 2021. Upon approval, the non-profit organization must implement the project/initiative and will then be reimbursed by the County. There is no match required for this grant.

The NGAB is recommending approval of the December 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants to Children's Safety Village, Inc. (\$10,000), Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Pace Center for Girls, Inc. (\$10,000), and Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. (\$5,000). The Non-Profit Safety Grants for December 2021 total \$35,000 (see Attachment A). The grant requests are displayed in greater detail in Attachments B through E.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board recommendations for December 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants to Children's Safety Village, Inc. (\$10,000), Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Pace Center for Girls, Inc. (\$10,000), and Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. (\$5,000). All Districts.

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Attachments

December 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants
Orange County Board of County Commissioners
January 25, 2022

Attachment A

Non-Profit Grant Applications (December 2021)				
Organization	Description of the Projects	Requested Amount	NGAB Recommendation	Law Enforcement Review
Children's Safety Village, Inc.	An educational program for children that focuses on danger person awareness, gun safety, 911 for kids, and internet safety	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc.	Implement a six hour hands-on safety and self-defense/de-escalation training program designed specifically for people who are blind and vision impaired.	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.	Implement the Spirited Girls Program that is centered on developing at risk girls to gain meaningful decision-making skills.	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.	Add victim service messages, in Spanish and French Creole, to billboards	\$5,000	Approved	Yes
Total Request		\$35,000		

Attachment B

Non-Profit Safety Grant
District: Various
Jurisdiction: Orange County

<p>Organization Name: Children's Safety Village, Inc. Request Amount: \$10,000 Total Project Cost: \$10,000 OCSO Support Letter: Yes</p>
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Summary: Children's Safety Village, Inc.'s mission is to prevent injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy and leadership.

Children's Safety Village, Inc. is proposing to implement an educational program for children that focuses on danger person awareness, gun safety, 911 for kids, and internet safety. The programs will be implemented through interactive hands-on exercises and virtually; and be led by first responders and other experienced instructors.

Attachment C

Non-Profit Safety Grant
District: Various
Jurisdiction: Orange County

<p>Organization Name: Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. Request Amount: \$10,000 Total Project Cost: \$10,000 OCSO Support Letter: Yes</p>
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Summary: For 43 years, Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. has been the sole provider of vision rehabilitation services in the tri-county area (Orange, Osceola, and Seminole) for people ages birth through seniors.

Lighthouse Central Florida is proposing to implement a six hour hands-on safety and self-defense/de-escalation training program designed specifically for people who are blind and vision impaired. The program teaches hands-on self-defense/de-escalation techniques for dealing with assaults, aggressive behavior, and bullying.

Attachment D

Non-Profit Safety Grant
District: Various
Jurisdiction: Orange County

Organization Name: Pace Center for Girls, Inc.

Request Amount: \$10,000

Total Project Cost: \$10,000

OCSO Support Letter: Yes

Summary: PACE Center for Girls, Inc.'s mission is to provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling training and advocacy. Pace empowers girls from underserved communities by engaging them in critical educational social, and emotional learning opportunities to break intergenerational cycles of poverty, abuse, and neglect, preventing injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy, and leadership.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is proposing to implement the Spirited Girls Program. This program is centered on developing at risk girls to gain meaningful decision-making skills. The program endeavors to reduce the participants' recidivism within the Department of Juvenile Justice by gearing programming to preventing violence, aggressive behavior, delinquency, and substance abuse.

Attachment E

Non-Profit Safety Grant
District: Various
Jurisdiction: Orange County

<p>Organization Name: Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.</p> <p>Request Amount: \$5,000</p> <p>Total Project Cost: \$5,000</p> <p>OCSO Support Letter: Yes</p>
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Summary: Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.'s mission is to provide individual services and resources to victims of sexual assault, violent crime, and traumatic circumstances, through crisis response, advocacy, therapy, and community awareness.

Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. is proposing to add victim service messages, in Spanish and French Creole, to billboards. The billboards will have resources for assistance geared to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The billboards aim to increase knowledge regarding sexual and domestic violence, and awareness of services and reduce the impact of violent crimes in the community by increasing awareness and communication of these issues.