

**WALK-ON #6**

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20060867

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Approve a grant award of \$35,000 from the Department of Juvenile Justice to offset 51% salary for the Neighborhood Accountability Board Coordinator. Approve a budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$35,000. Authorize Chairwoman to sign agreement upon receipt.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

Expands the Neighborhood Accountability Board Program to Bonita Springs and San Carlos Park to address first time juvenile offenders, victims, and the victimization of the neighborhoods.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve budget amendment resolution and sign grant agreement.

**4. Departmental Category: 05**

**5. Meeting Date: 6/27/06**

**6. Agenda:**

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

**7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)**

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

**8. Request Initiated:**

Commissioner N/A  
 Department Human Services  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 By: Karen B. Hawes, Director

**9. Background:**

Human Services has received seven previous grants from the Department of Juvenile Justice to establish Accountability Boards in Charleston Park, Cape Coral, Dunbar, Harlem Heights, Lehigh Acres, Page Park, Palmona Park, Pine Manor, Suncoast Estates, a Merchant Accountability Board at the Edison Mall, and Boards in Collier and Charlotte County. The FY 2006/2007 grant for \$35,000 will allow Human Services to expand the existing Neighborhood Accountability Boards concept to Bonita Springs. The grant funds travel expenses, operating expenses and a portion of a full-time employee.

Neighborhood Accountability Boards represent a community decision-making process aimed at repairing harm committed against victims and communities. The Board considers input from victims, community members and first time offenders who take an active part in the decision-making process to decide what actions the first time offender must take to make amends. Offenders and victims voluntarily participate in the Neighborhood Accountability Board program and if the plan is completed the case is diverted from formal action. This process diverts cases from traditional court and allows the first time offender to not have a criminal record if they successfully complete the established case plan.

Acceptance of this grant will allow the Human Services Neighborhood Building Program to continue to deliver services to the existing areas and deliver an enhanced service to Bonita Springs.

**Attachments:**

- Award Notification
- Grants at a Glance
- Budget Amendment Resolution

**10. Review for Scheduling:**

Department Director	Purchasing Director of Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services			County Manager/P.W. Director
<i>De</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Audrea Fraser</i>	Analyst <i>RK 6/30</i>	Risk <i>6/26/06</i>	Grants <i>6/26/06</i>	<i>6/26/06</i>

**11. Commission Action:**

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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Date <u>6/23/06</u>
Time: <u>2:00pm</u>
Forwarded To: <u>Admin 6/23/06</u>