

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date:	March 11, 2008	[x] Consent	[] Regular
		[] Ordinance	[] Public Hearing

Department:
Submitted By: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Submitted For: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) Accept a National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, Inc. award in the amount of \$10,000 for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Public Service Campaign Project; **B) Approve** a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to the Sheriff's Grants Fund.

Summary: On November 5, 2007 the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) received an award from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, Inc. (NADDI) for the PBSO Public Service Campaign Project. The funds provided will be used by PBSO's Overdose Death Suppression Team to create, produce and broadcast a comprehensive multi-media, public service campaign that elevates public awareness of the risks associated with prescription drug diversion, abuse and misuse. There is no match requirement associated with this award. No additional positions are needed and no additional County funds are required. Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) is a non-profit organization devoted to providing prescription drug abuse education to its members. Membership includes law enforcement, regulatory agents, health care fraud investigators, the pharmaceutical industry, and health professionals. The organization has proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement, the pharmaceutical industry and health regulatory personnel. NADDI's objective is to improve the members' ability to investigate, and prosecute, pharmaceutical drug diversion.

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment
2. Award Letter
3. Application

RECOMMENDED BY: [Signature] 2/14/08
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DATE

APPROVED BY: 1/24/2019
ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DATE

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditures	0				
Operating Costs	\$10,000				
External Revenues	(\$10,000)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)	0				
Net Fiscal Impact	0				
# Additional FTE Positions (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Current Budget: YES _____ NO X

Budget Account No.: Fund 1152 Agency 160 Org 2114 Object 6600

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office received the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, Inc. award for the PBSO Public Service Campaign Project. There is no match requirement associated with this award. No additional positions are needed and no additional County funds are required.

PBSO Public Service Campaign Project	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>\$10,000</u>

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

A. White 2-20-08
OFMB
on 2/19/08

Shirley L. Jacobowitz / E.D. 2/21/08
Contract Administration

B. Legal Sufficiency:

This item complies with current
County policies.

[Signature] 2/26/08
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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FUND 1152 SHERIFF'S GRANTS FUND

Use this form to provide budget for items not anticipated in the budget.

ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED	REMAINING BALANCE
Revenues								
PBSO Public Service Campaign Project 160-2114-6600	Private Grant - Other Public Safety	0	0	10,000	0	10,000		
<u>TOTAL FUND REVENUES</u>		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,579,128</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,589,128</u>		
Expenditures								
PBSO Public Service Campaign Project 160-2114-9498	Transfer to Sheriff Fund	0	0	10,000	0	10,000		
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,579,128</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,589,128</u>		

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

Administration/Budget Department Approval

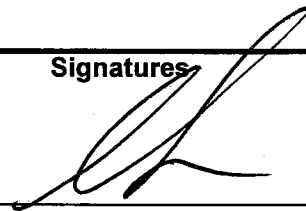
OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures

Date

By Board of County Commissioners
At Meeting of March 11, 2008

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners



2/14/08

atwillwhite

2-20-08



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November 5, 2007

Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
3228 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-3001

Dear Sheriff Bradshaw:

The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) is pleased to announce that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has been awarded \$10,000 for your outstanding work in the field of prescription drug abuse enforcement. NADDI makes these awards through generous funding provided by prescription drug maker Purdue Pharma.

It is the specific intent of NADDI that your agency uses these funds within your own operation to provide any services that increase the enforcement and/or education of the prescription drug abuse problem in your jurisdiction.

Please remember that by accepting this award, you agree to submit within 120 days a statement of how these funds were spent, or a plan as to how the money will be used and in what timeframe.

We are asking recipients to consider a thank you note to the sponsor of these grants, Purdue Pharma, by sending a note to Mr. Aaron Graham, VP Corporate Security, Purdue Pharma, One Stamford Forum, Stamford, CT 06901-3431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Burke".
John J. Burke
President

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE



8/14/2007

NADDI
LE Grant Program
P.O. Box 531
Manchester, MD 21102

Dear NADDI LE Grant Committee,

In all areas of law enforcement, resources have become increasingly scarce, making it difficult to successfully address new trends in drug abuse and diversion. As you are aware, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) investigates the illegal diversion of prescription drugs and all local deaths caused by prescription drug misuse/abuse in order to protect the public health.

Palm Beach County is located along the southeastern coastline of the State of Florida, and is the largest and fastest growing metropolitan area in the state, bordering Broward County to the south, Martin County to the north, Hendry County to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. Encompassing 2,578 square miles (including Lake Okeechobee) and 37 municipalities and unincorporated areas, it is home to 1,287,987 residents, or 7% of Florida's total population. Palm Beach County also has a large seasonal population and entertains more than eight million tourists annually.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to all the unincorporated areas (more than half the county's population) and seven contracted municipalities including: Village of Royal Palm Beach, City of Belle Glade, Town of Lake Park, Town of South Bay, Town of Mangonia Park, City of Pahokee and Village of Wellington. PBSO employs 3,810 staff, including 1,450 sworn law enforcement officers, 708 correction officers, and 1,672 civilian support staff. The PBSO Narcotics Division is comprised of 56 full-time positions dedicated to narcotics investigations, 50 of these positions are sworn and the remaining six positions are civilian.

The Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit is housed under the Narcotics Division and focuses exclusively on the diversion investigation of legal drugs into the public sector for illegal purposes. The Unit handles crimes committed within all jurisdictions of Palm Beach County and acquires intelligence on known and suspected persons who are perpetrating these crimes. Currently, the Unit consists of three full-time investigators. All investigators have undergone extensive training in drug diversion investigations, including: Pharmacology 1; Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Law Enforcement School; Pharmaceutical Drugs ID and Investigations;

Narcotics Identification; Advanced Undercover Operations; Drug Diversion Investigators School; NADDI State and National Chapter Conferences.

In 2006, our investigators successfully arrested 24 individuals associated with the illegal abuse and diversion of prescription drugs, seized 193 forged prescriptions, and the following tablets in dosage: 735 oxycodone, 35 methadone, 425 hydrocodone, 60 lorcet, 30 lortab, 180 xanax, 30 prozac, 60 ritalin, and 100 alprazolam.

To highlight one of our extensive drug diversion cases in 2006, one of our detectives was alerted by several pharmacies and doctor's offices both in Broward and Palm Beach counties concerning a number of fraudulent prescriptions for hydrocodone tablets that were being called in by a female suspect. The detective broke the case when the female suspect used a different doctor's name and DEA number, who turned out to be the suspect's dentist. Based on a tip provided by a Walgreen's Pharmacy Manager, the detective and members of PBSO's District 4 Street Crimes Unit, set up surveillance at both the suspect's residence and Walgreen's Pharmacy. The suspect was arrested exiting the pharmacy with a significant amount of fraudulently obtained hydrocodone tablets. The detective was able to seize a number of ledgers from the suspect's vehicle detailing the specific pharmacies, different patient names and dates when she retrieved her fraudulent medications. The post-miranda statements revealed that the suspect is a well known artist in the community and that she has been in and out of treatment facilities for over three years. The suspect alleged that the prescription drugs were consumed to satisfy her addiction which consisted of 90 hydrocodone tablets per day. In total, the suspect had obtained approximately 500 to 1000 fraudulent prescriptions over a two year period from pharmacies located in both Broward and Palm Beach counties. Her drug abuse and addiction will most likely have had a fatal consequence if it wasn't for her arrest. Currently, the suspect has agreed to be featured in a documentary describing her ordeal and the detrimental effects her addiction has had on her life.

As illustrated by the case above, prescription drug abuse poses a serious threat to the welfare of our citizens. This threat is even more pronounced by the dramatic increase in prescription drug-related deaths within the last several years. In 2006, over 200 prescription drug overdose deaths were reported to Palm Beach County law enforcement authorities. In approximately 85% of these incidents, the decedent's tissues/fluids were found to contain more than one controlled substance. Frequently, a litany of illicit substances (Heroin and Cocaine) and prescription drugs (Methadone, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Alprazolam) were found as a result of toxicology analyses. During the first six months of 2007, 141 prescription drug overdose deaths have been reported, 47.5% of which occurred within the county's jurisdiction. Of the 141 cases, 114 are still active/open and 27 have been closed. The top five drugs found in the autopsies were methadone (34), oxycodone (25), cocaine (25), alprazolam (17), and ethanol (15).

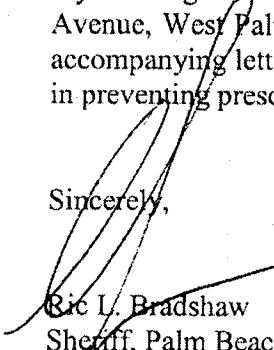
Recently published research suggests that prescription opioid analgesics such as hydrocodone, oxycodone and methadone are more likely than illicit drugs to be the cause of a person's unintentional death in the United States (National Center for Health Statistics, 2006). Unfortunately, the general public is unaware of the significant health risks created whenever a person combines or misuses any of these powerful drugs.

In response to these urgent and longstanding concerns, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office established an Overdose Death Suppression Team in 2006. The team's mission focuses on identifying and implementing new initiatives that may reduce prescription drug overdose deaths. One of those initiatives is to raise the public's awareness of the dangers and consequences of abusing prescription drugs.

To that end, the citizens of Palm Beach County could greatly benefit from an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$10,000 enabling the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Overdose Death Suppression Team to create, produce and broadcast a comprehensive multi-media, public service campaign that elevates public awareness of the risks associated with prescription drug diversion, abuse and misuse. This Public Service Campaign project supports the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's recent recommendation that, "the increase in the abuse of prescription drugs has been fueled worldwide by misperceptions of the potential harms of these powerful drugs, making it more critical than ever that we raise public awareness about the dangers of their misuse."

In making this request, I certify that the receipt of the Grant violates no state or local law, regulation, statute, ordinance or ethical policy. I understand that NADDI will make a determination of our qualifications to receive this Grant based upon our Statement of Need and supporting documentation. I also understand that NADDI will send the check payable directly to my funding source, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 and in the memo section of the check as well as the accompanying letter will be the notation "For public use by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in preventing prescription drug abuse."

Sincerely,


Ric L. Bradshaw
Sheriff, Palm Beach County

ATTACHMENTS

- Investigative/Arrest Reports
- W-9 Form