



FY 2024 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 18

BUDGET QUESTION: How much money has the Sheriff’s Office received via grants that has been returned due to not having staff to work in those specific arenas where the grant funds are focused?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Sheriff’s Office and Finance Grants Division

RESPONSE: Per the Sheriff’s Office, approximately \$58K in FY22 Selective Enforcement Grant funding was required to be de-appropriated due to lack of staffing.

The primary use of these funds is for overtime associated with selective enforcement efforts for alcohol, speed, and seatbelt usage. In the case of the alcohol award, 70% of enforcement activities had to have occurred between 3pm to 6am; for the speed award, 75% of enforcement activities had to have occurred between the hours of 6am to 9pm; and for the seatbelt usage award, 75% of enforcement activities had to have occurred between 9am and 12am.

Unfortunately, there are numerous competing demands for law enforcement personnel. Many of the deputies were too busy working the overtime needed for TDOs (Temporary Detention Orders), required training and covering staffing shortages that there was just not enough time to also participate in the selective enforcement or additional training provided by these grants. The deputies’ calls continue to stack up and unfortunately the Sheriff needs to prioritize what call or training is more important. As selective enforcement was not as pressing of a need as other enforcement activities, it was decided to not utilize all of this funding.

The following table provides a summary from FY 2019 till last year’s award. It is important to note that FY2020 and FY2021’s unspent percentage is predominantly from Covid-19, in which all selective enforcement was halted for a period due to community contact concerns.

Sheriff Selective Enforcement Grant Activity

	Number of Awards	Total Awards	Expenses	Unspent	Unspent Percentage
FY 2019	2	\$ 126,640.00	\$ 112,325.00	\$ 14,315.00	11.30%
FY 2020	2	\$ 138,900.00	\$ 107,136.44	\$ 31,763.56	22.87%
FY 2021	3	\$ 179,015.00	\$ 75,614.63	\$ 103,400.37	57.76%
FY 2022	3	\$ 202,450.00	\$ 143,957.17	\$ 58,492.83	28.89%