

Item #4-1

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: December 9, 2008 **Agenda Date Requested:** December 18, 2008
Time Requested: Consent Agenda

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Carson City Sheriff's Office

Subject Title: Action to approve the acceptance of the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,709.00

Staff Summary: Over the past several years, the Carson City Sheriff's Office has made prevention a priority by implementing the Cops and Kids Community Prevention Program. This program provides classes on substance abuse, safety and violence/gang prevention for students, parents and professionals throughout Carson City. Funding from this Grant will be used to cover a portion of the costs of the following programs: DARE, Red Ribbon, Cops & Kids Spaghetti Dinner, Cops & Kids Sheriff's Open House, National Night Out and continued training for the DARE officer.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)
 Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to accept the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant – 2008-DJ-BX-0530 – in the amount of \$10,709.00

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Prevention education is an investment directly into people and improves the quality of life by reducing at-risk behavior, thus the reason Carson City Sheriff's Office has put such an emphasis on the prevention of crime, substance abuse (including methamphetamine), gangs and violence. The program is highly visible and widely supported throughout the community because we use nationally known programs and activities such as the DARE, DARE Plus curriculum and supplemental materials, Neighborhood Watch, Red Ribbon Campaign, National Night Out, Cops and Kids Sheriff's Open House (prevention and safety fair), etc.

Citizen participation continues to grow. Crime prevention efforts have been just as successful, with Neighborhood Watch almost doubling in size. Progress is monitored using a matrix designed by the Department of Justice that requires statistics from our Uniform Crime Report, the Gang Unit, Special Enforcement Team, and activity reports from the Cops and Kids Program.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A