

# *City of Dade City*

## **AGENDA MEMO**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**From:** Chief Ray Velboom  
**Subject:** Authorization to Apply for Grant  
**Date:** 5/19/2009

It is requested that the City Commission consider the following information and recommendation(s):

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Dade City Police Department has the opportunity to apply for a American Recovery Act JAG countywide grant being offered by the Department of Justice and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This grant is for \$ 100,000.00 and is part of the Stimulus Package being offered by the US Department of Justice We would like to use this grant money to purchase three additional marked police cruisers. These funds would pay for the vehicles along with the required equipment

### **ISSUES:**

The Police Department has experienced a recent increase in turnover amongst sworn personnel. Officers are leaving the city for employment with agencies that provide assigned police vehicles. The police department currently has a partial take home car plan and with the purchase of four additional vehicles we would be able to provide all sworn officers with an assigned vehicle.

The development of a agency wide assigned car plan would increase the life cycle of the vehicles and decrease maintenance cost. This would reduce attrition amongst the patrol officers.

A committee has been assigned to develop and redraft policy regarding take home vehicles. This committee will review policy of other agency and determine the best policy for the police department.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval

**FUNDING:**

All funding for implementation of program is supplemental from grant programs. This funding will be utilized in addition to a \$ 31,000 grant previously approved.