

**City Council of The City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Public Hearing on Proposed Uses of Local Law Enforcement**  
**Block Grant Funds (Federal Fiscal Year 2004)**  
**October 5, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, in Ballroom B of the Student Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the proposed uses of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2004. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

Present: Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Jeff Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said that on July 20, 2004, the City Council authorized the filing of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) application for \$6,659 and committed \$740 in local matching funds. The City has been notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that the City's application for the grant was approved. The LLEBG program requires two steps to occur prior to making a final determination on the use of LLEBG funds. First there must be a review of the proposed use of the funds by an advisory committee comprised of representatives of local agencies involved in the criminal justice system. Secondly, there must also be a public hearing on the proposed use of the funds. The grant process requires the advisory committee review and public hearing to occur prior to an October 28, 2004 deadline for submitting additional information to the Justice Department to finalize the grant.

Mr. Doherty noted that LLEBG funds can be used for a variety of purposes. On September 21, 2004, the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program committee reviewed the proposed uses of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. The uses proposed to the SHOCAP committee were to upgrade the police department computers and software. The SHOCAP committee recommended approval of this use for LLEBG funds.

Mr. Doherty concluded by noting that a Public Hearing on proposed use of Federal Fiscal Year 2004 LLEBG funds was advertised in the *Southern Illinoisan* on September 29, 2004. It is recommended that the City Council conduct the Public Hearing on the proposed use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds. Action on the proposed use is scheduled for later in the City Council Agenda.

Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the public. There were none. Mayor Cole twice repeated his invitation for comments or questions; again, there was no one who indicated a desire to speak.

There being no one else who wished to speak during this public hearing, the Mayor declared the hearing closed at 7:19 p.m..

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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