

MEETING DATE
4-21-25

# CITY OF LAKE CITY

## Report to Council

COUNCIL AGENDA	
SECTION	
ITEM NO.	

**SUBJECT: Summer Youth Employment Program**

**DEPT / OFFICE: Lake City Police Department**

**Originator:**

Chief Gerald Butler

**City Manager**

Don Rosenthal

**Department Director**

Chief Gerald Butler *DB*

**Date**

4/11/25

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

Since 2019, (except for 2020 due to COVID) the Lake City Police Department has partnered with Florida Crown and Columbia County to develop and sponsor the "Summer Youth Employment" Program with the goals of providing the youth in our community with summer employment while having the youths and their families experience a beneficial relationship with their local Police Department. This program is also geared towards giving these youths soft skills training which will assist them in the future to secure employment. This program provides them meaningful employment during the summer, keeps them off the streets, and allows them to develop a stronger sense of confidence and self-worth.

Currently LCPD is budgeted \$25,000 for this program. With LCPD, through the City, being the sole sponsor for this program, and the City of Lake City's Departments providing the job openings, the budgeted \$25,000 is not adequate for the goal of having 20 youths, who are residents of the City of Lake City, in this years' program. The program historically has had between 35-46 youths participating. This request is to transfer \$25,000 from the Mariah Smith Fund (Acct. #001.16.574-080.82) to the Summer Youth Program (Acct 001.11.521-030.49) so 20 youths can participate.

**Alternatives:**

Keep funding at currently budgeted \$25,000 and have 10 youths participate.

**Source of Funds:**

Mariah Smith Fund (Acct. #001.16.574-080.82) (current Balance \$200,000)

**Financial Impact:**

None- Fund transfer between budgeted accounts

**Exhibits Attached:**

N/A