



## Legislation Text

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**Title:**

Request to have the Board approve Central Florida Crime Line Program, Inc. to act as Seminole County's agent for the purpose of applying, receiving and distributing Crime Stopper Trust Fund dollars and providing authorization for the Chairman to sign the Letter of Agreement to be sent to the Attorney General and signing any associated documents necessary thereto upon award.

**Division:**

Sheriff's Office

**Authorized By:**

Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma

**Contact/Phone Number:**

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**Background:**

The Crime Stoppers Program is eligible for funding from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund created by Florida Statute 938.06 which can be used for Seminole County Crime Stopper initiatives. Seminole County is part of the Central Florida Crime Line Program Inc. area. The funds are made available for the sole purpose of funding Crime Stoppers and their crime fighting programs pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statute 16.555.

Pursuant to subsection 16.555(5)(b) Florida Statute, the attached Letter of Agreement must be submitted to the Attorney General in order for the funds to be distributed to the Central Florida Crime Line Program which provides Crime Stopper services to Seminole County and others in the Central Florida area.

The Letter of Agreement allows the Central Florida Crime Line Program to act as agent for Seminole County and implement Crime Stopper programs supported by the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund. Acting as agent for Seminole County, the Central Florida Crime Line Program, Inc. will use the funds to provide uniform Crime Stopper services, such as, but not limited to, billboard, crime reenactments, newsletters, calling cards and

rewards as authorized by Subsection 16.555(5). These services will be provided to Seminole County, in conjunction with other Central Florida counties who also provide Letters of Agreement.

Central Florida Crime Line, Inc. is a member in good standing with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers. A copy of the Florida Statutes referred to herein, as well as a draft authorization letter to cover the next three years are attached. There will be no additional costs to Seminole County as a result of this agreement.

**Staff Recommendation:**

SCSO Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the Central Florida Crime Line Program, Inc. to act as Seminole County's agent for the purpose of applying, receiving and distributing Crime Stopper Trust Fund dollars and authorize the BCC Chairman to sign and submit a Letter of Agreement to the Attorney General and authorize BCC Chair to sign any associated documents necessary thereto upon award.