



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety  
Alcohol Law Enforcement Division

Michael F. Easley, Governor  
Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

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The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro-Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable James B. Black  
Co-Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Building, Room 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Richard T. Morgan  
Co-Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Office Building, Room 301  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Senator Basnight and Speakers Black and Morgan:

Pursuant to applicable state law, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division respectfully reports its intent to use \$355,818.90 in Federal Seizure funds for the following:

**1. \$296,232.00 for Mobile Data Terminal Acquisition, Replacement and Upgrading**

In 1998, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division acquired its first lot of Mobile Data Terminals, or MDTs, by means of a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission, with matching funds provided from ALE's Federal Forfeiture account. These valuable law enforcement devices allowed agents in their vehicles, to quickly access important information regarding persons, motor vehicles and events, helping to ensure the safety of the general public and the law enforcement officers.

Since acquiring the initial MDT devices in 1998, ALE has continued to utilize grant funding, combined with judicious use of seized funds, which has allowed ALE to provide MDTs to over 80% of its sworn members.



However, ALE is now at a point where many of the laptop computers that are part of the MDT system are in dire need of replacement. Attempting to repair existing units would be an exercise in futility, as many parts are incredibly expensive and even with repairs; the old units would lag far behind current industry standards. Replacement of the outdated and failing laptops is essential to ensure agents have reliable, dependable access to the law enforcement network and related applications. In all, thirty-seven (37) MDT laptops require replacement at this time.

In addition, currently 20 sworn members who do not have an MDT assigned to them. The funds awarded as part of this request would allow the acquisition of MDT systems, including laptop, vehicle modem and mounting hardware, for these remaining personnel, which would complete the deployment of this important technology to all sworn ALE members. This purchase would allow agents access to law enforcement information and general office productivity applications while away from the office, increasing the efficiency and overall safety of employees. Twenty (20) MDT systems would be purchased under this request.

Therefore, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division intends to expend \$296,232.00 to acquire, replace and upgrade its Mobile Data Terminal system.

**2. \$40,453.76 for Purchase of Windows XP and Office 2003 Software Licenses**

The Department of Crime Control & Public Safety has adopted a new operating system and office productivity suite standard of Microsoft Windows XP Professional and Microsoft Office 2003. Such a change in software architecture requires that users possess the required licenses to legally operate the software installed on their computers. The Department has previously purchased fifty-seven (57) licenses for Windows XP and Office 2003 for ALE. This leaves a balance of sixty-two (62) licenses required for legal operation of the ALE computers.

Therefore, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division intends to expend \$40,453.76 for the purchase of Windows XP and Office 2003 software licenses.

**3. \$19,133.14 for Matching Funds for Missing and Abducted Children Grant**

The North Carolina Center for Missing Persons, a section administered by the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, received a grant from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission. The grant award is based on a project entitled "Missing and Abducted Children: A Survival Program" which is designed to increase the survival and recovery rates of children who have been abducted or otherwise go missing by providing fundamental training to local law enforcement agencies. Specially-trained representatives from the Center for Missing Persons will coordinate regional training sessions across North Carolina to deliver this

training. In addition, the specialists provide training to individual police departments and Sheriffs' Offices as requested. The grant stipulations require a 25% agency match in order to qualify for funding. The total dollar amount of this particular grant is \$76,532.57, with a federal provision of \$57,399.43. Therefore, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division intends to expend \$19,133.11 to provide matching funds for the Missing and Abducted Children Grant.

Item	Description	Expenditure
1.	Mobile Data Terminal Acquisition, Replacement & Upgrading	\$296,232.00
2.	Purchase of Windows XP and Office 2003 Software Licenses	\$40,453.76
3.	Matching Funds for Missing and Abducted Children Grant	\$19,133.14
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$355,818.90</b>

As of September 10, 2004, the Federal Seizure Fund held by the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division had an unencumbered balance of \$484,663.92.

Sincerely,



Bryan E. Beatty  
Secretary

cc: Deputy Secretary Gerald A. Rudisill  
Director M.D. Robertson  
Bennie Aiken, Controller