

Awards and Recognition Question

Sheriff's Office - \$20,400

Our awards recognize both. We have a very large volunteer membership (661 people for a total of 30,622 hours). The programs include Search and Rescue, Neighborhood Watch, Ham Radio, Posse, Parole and Probation, Corrections, Reserve Deputies, Concealed Handgun Licensing, etc. This is only general fund volunteers, we do have volunteers in special revenue funds like working on the sand dunes at the coast, but these were not included. Awards is one of the only ways we recognize these volunteer's service. Also within the organization we routinely recognize our paid employees for jobs well done, frequently because of the magnitude of the event, usually life and death, as a well installed tradition of the law enforcement profession in general . We also have policies and general orders that are written specifically for award recognition and criteria, as well as an awards committee that makes the nominations every year. We definitely make the money go a long ways, because of all the awards given, in 2008 we gave 256 awards, in 2009 we awarded 260, and it is upholding this long tradition, as well as the recognition of the huge participation we have from the public in serving our community and our organization...

General Expense - \$20,000

This amount is for the bulk purchase of the retirement award given to employees. The cost for these awards is then reimbursed by the department giving the award, meaning that this line item eventually gets zeroed out as reimbursements occur over time. The budget amount is this high in the event more awards are purchased in a year when they are not given out.

Public Works - \$9,700

Public Works uses the Awards & Recognition account for both internal and external awards. Items include retirement awards such as the "bridge" that is given out to retirees, retirement reception expenses and employee appreciation awards. We also use it for Community Awards such as Trash Buster Awards and Green School Awards. In FY 09/10 and past years we have also used this account for our Safety Program Awards for employees.

County Administration - \$4,243

\$2,493 Internal
\$1,100 Volunteer Appreciation / Annual Lunch & Awards
\$250 United Way Charitable Contribution Campaign Fair
\$250 External
\$150 External (County College Participants)

District Attorney - \$1,450

\$950 Victim Services volunteers
\$500 Budgeted in the Special Revenue Fund (DA Employee Incentive Program) and comes solely from the proceeds of LCDA-embroidered shirts, sweatshirts, emblazoned shot glasses & water bottles.

Management Services - \$725

It is the fee we pay the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to participate in the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting Program. We send our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to them as directed by the BCC.