

**Broward Sheriff's Office**  
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May 18, 2017

Board of County Commissioners  
 Broward County Governmental Center  
 115 South Andrews Avenue.  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Attn: Honorable Barbara Sharief, Mayor

**Re: Request for Appropriation – Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF)  
 CIT International, Inc.**

Dear Mayor Sharief and Board Members:

Request is hereby made for the following described appropriation from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF).

- I. **AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$15,000.00
- II. **LETF ACCOUNT**  State/Local  Federal/Justice  
 Federal/Treasury
- III. **AMOUNT & TYPE:** \$15,000.00 State/Local
- IV. **USER:**  BSO  Other
- V. **STATUTORY PURPOSE:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime prevention     | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug abuse education/prevention          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant matching funds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law enforcement purpose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe neighborhood    | <input type="checkbox"/> School resource officer                  |

**VI. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:**

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETF request for CIT International, Inc. This conference brings in over 1100 law enforcement officers and deputies as well as mental health professionals and advocates. It will bring cutting edge training & information specific to Broward County Sheriff's Deputies & Municipal Police Officers that will help in their duties when responding to calls that involve people with mental illness and other disabilities as well as building and maintaining local partnerships with the mental health systems, consumers, families, and improving crisis de-escalation techniques. This conference is a catalyst for Broward County to further grow and sustain its CIT program as a community program sharing their new knowledge and skills for a strong CIT program.

**VII. EXHIBITS ATTACHED:**             Budget      X        Correspondence

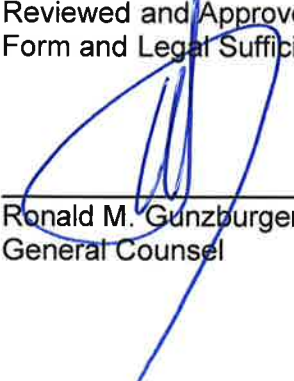
1. Correspondence CIT International, Inc.
2. LETF Appropriation Request


**VIII. CERTIFICATION:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- a. These funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the Broward Sheriff's Office; and
- b. This request complies with the provisions of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes.

Reviewed and Approved as to  
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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Ronald M. Gunzburger  
General Counsel

 *J. Dale*  
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*for* Scott J. Israel  
Sheriff of Broward County



# CIT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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February 20, 2017

Colonel Tom Harrington  
Department of Administration  
Broward Sheriff's Office

Dear Col. Harrington:

CIT International is requesting a sponsorship of \$15,000 for its Annual Conference and Training for the CIT Program that will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on Aug. 15-18, 2017.

This conference brings in over 1100 law enforcement officers and deputies as well as mental health professionals and advocates. More importantly this conference will bring cutting edge training and information specific to Broward County Sheriff Deputies and local Municipal Police Officers that will help them in their duties when responding to calls that involve people with mental illnesses and other disabilities. The training and learning opportunities from over 90 workshops will give deputies and officers more tools in understanding people with mental illnesses and other disabilities, building and maintaining local partnerships with the mental health system and consumers and families and improving crisis de-escalation techniques. This conference can serve to provide Advance Training to Broward County CIT deputies and Municipal police officers, which is an annual requirement for a CIT program. And lastly this conference is a catalyst for Broward County to further grow and sustain its CIT program as a community program. Broward County's local CIT partners which include not only law enforcement and corrections but mental health and substance abuse providers, United Way, NAMI, individuals that live with mental illness and family members will also have an opportunity to participate and learn together. This will allow the community CIT program to share their new knowledge and skills for a strong CIT program.

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The request for this level of sponsorship will be used as follows:

1. To cover the expense of our four Keynote Speakers:

- A. Dr. Cedric Alexander, speaking on Aug. 16. He will be doing a presentation and training on CIT and Leadership
- B. Dr. Jeffrey Swanson, speaking on Aug. 17. He will be doing training on Violence and People with Mental Illness
- C. Dr. Robert Heinssen, speaking on Aug. 18. He will be doing training on early signs of serious mental illness in young people and how CIT officers/deputies can play a part in getting people directed to treatment and in recovery.
- D. Mary Giliberti from NAMI National speaking on Aug. 18. She will be doing training on the Relationship between people with mental illnesses and CIT officers/deputies and how this can improve community based services and increase jail diversion.

The expenses include travel, honorariums and the A/V equipment used for their presentations and training.

We appreciate your consideration of providing funding for this internationally recognized training event that provides cutting edge information to law enforcement officers/deputies who are CIT.

If you need additional information please contact me at 407-925-2462.

Sincerely,

*Michele M. Saunders, LCSW*

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CIT International

Vice President

Conference Chair

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