



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 11, 2014

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$24,317.66 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of additional law enforcement equipment; the Night Vision and Thermal Imaging Devices for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:


The Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement investigations. The Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint federal – local investigations produces federally seized funds. At the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute: 18 U.S.C. Section 981 (e)(2), and 21 U.S.C. Section 881 (e)(1)(A) and (e)(3)(b), the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings.

The "Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies" by the United States Department of Justice provides that the equitably shared forfeited asset funds resulting from the participation of a local agency in investigations with Federal law enforcement agencies may be utilized by the participating local agency to acquire law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities.




The Coral Gables Police Department has identified an item of new equipment, the Night Vision and Thermal Imaging Devices; this equipment will provide the ability to conduct enhanced nighttime operations that consist of surveillance and the apprehension of criminals in situations where the unaided human eye could not see.

The Forfeited Asset Fund Committee met on January 29, 2014 and approved this expenditure.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$ 24,317.66	673-5301-521-81-00	Federal Forfeited Asset Funds
Total:	\$ 24,317.66	APPROVED BY: Diana Gomez Finance Director 	

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Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

ATTACHMENT (S):
Resolution