

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS FOR A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED AS PART OF A FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM; THE INITIATION OF A BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER FROM RESERVE OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE ITEMS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

WHEREAS, 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 operations, and the Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint investigations produces federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, 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 retain at the conclusion of the legal proceedings the federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for matching funds associated with the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program that is being implemented in fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Department received a grant from the Department of Justice that has a matching grant requirement; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds are intended to be used to facilitate the purchase of BWC Program equipment, attend conferences, and facilitate training, all of which are in accordance with permissible law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police certifies that the request complies with all provisions of the appropriate F.A.F. requirements as identified in the United States Justice Departments publication entitled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*"; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police, Edward J. Hudak, Jr., and the Coral Gables Finance Director, Diana Gomez, attest to have deposited the sum of \$400,000 in said forfeited funds into the Coral Gables Forfeited Asset Fund; and

WHEREAS, City leadership have reviewed, vetted, and approved the Coral Gables Chief of Police's request to encumber and expend as needed the available forfeited asset funds via memorandum dated May 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual budget is required to recognize the forfeiture funds as revenue and appropriating such funds to put toward the cost of the items described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to authorize the Finance Director to expend \$400,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for a matching contribution required as part of a federal grant program; the initiation of a Body Worn Camera Program by the Coral Gables Police Department.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission does authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual budget to recognize the forfeiture funds as revenue and appropriating such funds to put toward the cost of the items described above.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2022.


(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Anderson, Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Lago)

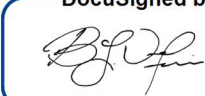
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: I-5)

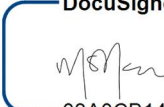
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