

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: AMOS ROJAS, JR.
CITY MANAGER

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

FROM: EDWARD J. HUDAK, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT:
FORFEITED ASSET FUND
REQUESTS

The Forfeited Asset Fund (EAF) consists of certain assets seized during the course of criminal investigations and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited assets distributed from both Federal Forfeited Asset Sharing and State Asset Forfeiture proceedings. These assets and proceeds may be expended for law enforcement purposes but may not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the law enforcement agency.

Listed below is a proposal seeking approval to expend State and Federal Forfeited Assets pursuant to the provisions of Florida State Statute 932.7055 and the Department of Justice *“Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.”*

In order to proceed with this proposal, the Coral Gables Police Department (“CGPD”) is requesting your approval of the following expenditure request, which has already been reviewed, vetted, and approved by the City Attorney and the Finance Director. In conjunction with the proposal below, a Financial Summary of available funding has also been included with this memorandum.

STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

As provided for in Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(a), the proceeds and interest from assets forfeited as a result of criminal investigations shall be used for school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or other law enforcement purposes.

1. Shepherd AI Proof of Concept

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified the need for funding to automate and enhance criminal records/criminal investigations business processes with ShepherdAI.io Proof of Concept.

The Coral Gables criminal investigation and criminal records department faces a significant challenge with managing and organizing their vast data resources on investigations. Currently, their records are diverse and difficult to search. This impedes the department’s ability to quickly retrieve and analyze information during investigations.

Accordingly, the Police Department is proposing an expenditure of \$100,000 from Sate Forfeited Assets to fund the Shepherd AI Proof of Concept, which qualifies as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5)(a).

FLORIDA CONTRABAND ACT FUNDS

Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(c)(3) specifically directs local law enforcement agencies to expend or donate twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds from assets forfeited pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs.

Accordingly, the Police Department has encumbered assets forfeited pursuant to the provisions of FSS 932.7055 under City Commission resolutions to be set aside for the support and operation of those types of programs.

No requests at this time.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

The “*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*” by the United States Department of Justice provides direction to local law enforcement agencies on the permissible uses of forfeited assets shared with local agencies as a result of a local agency’s participation in federal criminal investigations.

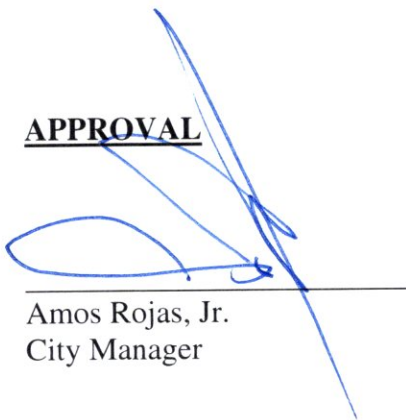
Per this guide, a permissible use of federally forfeited assets is the cost associated with law enforcement equipment and operations.

No requests at this time.

APPROVAL

DATE

DISAPPROVAL



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