



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 9, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$1,100,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of a mobile command post vehicle 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 for law enforcement equipment.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for a mobile command post, a vehicle that provides a mobile, on-site platform for command, control and communications during terrorist attacks, natural disasters, national events and other similar occurrences. These assets are deployed to enhance or reestablish communication and coordination during emergency incidents and special security events. They leverage satellite and Internet access, as well as interoperable radio and video capabilities to enhance communication between City of Coral Gables Public Safety departments and other local or federal response and support assets. In a combination of efforts, the Information Technology Department, Automotive Division, and Police Department personnel have coordinated to outline a mobile command post vehicle that would serve the City of Coral Gables in the most efficient capacity.

The F.A.F. Committee met on June 26, 2019 and approved this expenditure.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$ 1,100,000.00	673-5301-521-81-00	Federal Forfeited Asset Funds
Total:	\$ 1,100,000.00	APPROVED BY: Diana Gomez Finance Director	

ATTACHMENT(S):

FAF Summary Memorandum
Resolution for Mobile Command Post Vehicle