

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT; THE INITIATION OF THE MOUNTED PATROL PROGRAM BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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 a Mounted Patrol Program, in which officers fulfill specific responsibilities on horseback; and

WHEREAS, mounted patrols provide high visibility, crowd control, deter crime and can assist with community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends run this pilot program for three years with two horses; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police requests to expend these funds for use by the Department for law enforcement operations and equipment; 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 \$75,000 in said forfeited funds into the Coral Gables Forfeited Asset Fund; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee met on June 26, 2019, and followed the F.A.F. Committee operating procedures adopted on July 23, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee approved the Coral Gables Chief of Police's request to encumber and expend as needed the available forfeited asset funds on the specific items listed below on this resolution.

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

1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to authorize the Finance Director to expend \$75,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement operations and equipment; the initiation of the Mounted Patrol Program by the Coral Gables Police Department.
2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2019.

(Moved by)

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY