

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MARIA ALBERRO JIMENEZ
INTERIM CITY MANAGER

DATE: APRIL 1, 2009

FROM: RICHARD J. NAUE, JR.
INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT:
REPORT OF PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES FROM THE
CORAL GABLES FORFEITED
ASSET FUND (FAF) ACCOUNTS

The Forfeited Asset Fund (FAF) consists of certain monies seized during the course of criminal investigations and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property received from both Federal Forfeited Asset Sharing and State Asset Forfeiture Proceedings. These funds must be used for law enforcement purposes, which are not budgeted and may not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the law enforcement agency. Indicated below are recommended expenditures for encumbered and unencumbered funds available in the FAF.

STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

1. Police Officer Scheduling System Software

The Police Department has evaluated the need to seek a commercially available software solution to automate scheduling, staffing and timekeeping tasks and have chosen the enterprise solution offered by Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. called Police Officer Scheduling System (POSS).

The POSS software system is a powerful enterprise solution that automates and streamlines the task of short term and long term scheduling and staffing for public safety organizations.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that acquiring this software and its supporting hardware would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a) as it provides for additional expertise and equipment that is not a normal operating expense. A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$65,900.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to acquire this system and its supporting hardware.

2. Rape Aggression Defense Training

One of the most popular and successful crime prevention programs offered by the Police Department's Community Affairs Unit has been Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training. RAD is an internationally recognized training program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The Police Department has instructors specifically trained as RAD

instructors, but each of these instructors has other primary duties, therefore most of the requested FAF expenditure is to utilize the available departmental instructors during their off duty hours while on overtime.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the funding of this crime prevention training program would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a). A motion will be made to the FAF Committee proposing the expenditure of \$37,100.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to fund this program.

3. SnapStream Enterprise TV Server-8 System

The SnapStream Enterprise TV Server-8 System is powerful television search technology that empowers organizations to convert television broadcasts into editable, linkable, and searchable media. The system would allow the Police Department to monitor and/or multiple news and public interest broadcasts simultaneously. This system would enhance the Police Department's ability to manage its media relations function as well as other operational applications throughout the Department.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that acquiring this system would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a) as it provides for additional expertise and equipment that is not a normal operating expense. A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$24,345.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to acquire this system.

4. T3 Motion Personal Electric Mobility Vehicle

The T3 Motion Personal Electric Mobility Vehicle provides a professional personal mobility solution for the community outreach needs of law enforcement agencies. The T3 serves as an energy efficient raised stable observation platform for not only a community friendly, but also a tactically advantageous, mode of responding to the safety and security needs of a busy commercial district or school campus environment. The use of the T3 would primarily be for the community outreach missions of the Police Department but it would also compliment the Department's fleet of bicycles, motorcycles, and Segways to conduct enforcement and high visibility patrol duties as well.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that acquiring the T3 Motion would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a) as it provides for the use of these funds for additional expertise and equipment that is not a normal operating expense. A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$12,420.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to acquire the T3 Motion.

5. Protracted and Complex Criminal Investigation, Operation “Booster”

As the result of a what started just as a routine traffic stop by a Uniform Coral Gables Police Officer, the Criminal Investigations Division of the Police Department has initiated a long term investigation with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to gather evidence and identify offenders involved in an organized and extensive burglary and theft ring operating throughout South Florida.

Therefore, it is the Police Department’s proposal that the use of Forfeited Asset Funds to defray the investigative and overtime costs of this protracted and complex investigation would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a). A motion will be made to the FAF Committee proposing the expenditure of \$30,000.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to defray the cost of this investigation.

6. Protracted and Complex Criminal Investigation, Operation “Masquerade”

As the result of information provided by a confidential source the Economic Crime Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division has initiated a complex investigation in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to gather evidence and identify offenders involved in an organized check fraud ring operating throughout South Florida.

Therefore, it is the Police Department’s proposal that the use of Forfeited Asset Funds to defray the investigative and overtime costs of this protracted and complex investigation would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (a). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from State Forfeited Asset Funds to defray the cost of this investigation.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

No New Requests

FLORIDA CONTRABAND ACT FUNDS

1. Coral Gables Police Athletic League

The Coral Gables Police Athletic League continues to serve our community by virtue of its goal to prevent juvenile crime and drug abuse through the youth targeted community outreach activities and programs that are offered during the summer break and throughout each year.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to fund the Coral Gables Police Athletic League would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$18,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds for the Coral Gables Police Athletic League.

2. Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594

The Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594 is another successful youth resource officer program facilitated by members of the Coral Gables Police Department. The members of the Police Explorer Post #594 are active supporting the Coral Gables Police Department and the local community throughout the year in anticipation of participating in the annual State competition. The costs associated with the Post's preparation for and participation in this statewide Explorer competition is \$12,000.00.

Therefore, it is the Police Department's proposal that the use of previously encumbered Forfeited Asset Funds to fund the Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594 would qualify as a permissible expenditure under FSS 932.7055(5) (c) (3). A motion will be made to the F.A.F. Committee proposing the expenditure of \$12,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Funds for the Coral Gables Police Explorer Post #594.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

State Asset Forfeiture Funds Unencumbered:	\$ 409,434.46
State Asset Forfeiture Funds Requested:	\$ 186,765.00
Balance of State Asset Forfeiture Funds:	\$ 222,669.49
Total Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds Unencumbered:	\$ 91,486.93
Total Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds Requested:	\$ 0.00
Balance of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds:	\$ 91,486.93
Florida Contraband Act Funds Encumbered:	\$ 44,990.47
Total Florida Contraband Act Funds Requested:	\$ 30,000.00
Balance of Florida Contraband Act Funds:	\$ 14,990.47

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I, Joseph S. McNichol, Chairperson of the Forfeited Asset Fund Committee, do hereby certify that the aforementioned request for expenditures from the Forfeited Asset Fund account complies with the provisions of section 932.7055, Florida State Statutes and applicable guidelines related to equitable sharing of Federal Assets.

Major Joseph S. McNichol

Date