

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

DRAFT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 FROM STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER FROM RESERVE OF STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE ITEMS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department's investigations of criminal activity produce forfeited funds, both related and unrelated to its participation in the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force operations; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully retain at the conclusion of the legal proceedings the forfeited funds as authorized under Florida State Statute 932.0755; and

WHEREAS, under Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(a), a permissible use of assets forfeited by a local law enforcement agency includes crime prevention and other law enforcement purposes, such as providing additional equipment or expertise; and

WHEREAS, a Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program will enhance the City's existing Communications Section in the areas of quality assurance, accountability, and procedural efficiencies, as well as provide it with the ability to continually assess and improve its operations; 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 \$180,000 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 April 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal year 2022-2023 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 \$125,000 from State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys, to provide for a Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program for the Police Department.

Section 3. That the City Commission does authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF MAY 2023.

(Moved by _____, Seconded by _____)
(Passed 0/0 vote)

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
CITY ATTORNEY