



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 30, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$6,800, from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment, the purchase of a detection K-9 dog 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, which includes animals and animal-related expenses.

The Coral Gables Police Department Special Investigations Section has identified a need for a detection canine to replace current SIS canine Nina, who is due to retire. Having a detection canine attached to the Drug Enforcement Administration has proven to be a valuable tool during investigations and greatly enhances the Police Department's ability to investigate narcotics and money laundering crimes. During her tenure, canine Nina has been involved in the seizure of \$1,874,798.22 in U.S. currency. The Police Department has selected a replacement detection-trained canine that will be certified under the guidelines of the International Forensics Research Institute, in line with agency certification requirements.

The F.A.F. Committee met on April 26, 2017 and approved this expenditure.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$ 6,800.00	673-5301-521-81-00	Federal Forfeited Asset Funds
Total:	\$ 6,800.00	APPROVED BY: Diana Gomez Finance Director	

ATTACHMENT (S):

Resolution for Detection Canine