

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: PETER IGLESIAS
CITY MANAGER

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019

FROM: EDWARD J. HUDAK, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT:
FORFEITED ASSET FUND
REQUESTS

The Forfeited Asset Fund (FAF) consists of certain assets seized during the course of criminal investigations and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited assets distributed from both Federal Forfeited Asset Sharing and State Asset Forfeiture proceedings. These assets and proceeds may be expended for law enforcement purposes, but may not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the law enforcement agency.

Listed below are proposals seeking approval to expend State and Federal Forfeited Assets pursuant to the provisions of Florida State Statute 932.7055 and the Department of Justice "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.*"

In order to proceed with this proposal, the Coral Gables Police Department ("CGPD") is requesting your approval of the following expenditure requests, which have already been reviewed, vetted, and approved by the Forfeited Asset Fund Committee.

STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

As provided for in Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(a), the proceeds and interest from assets forfeited as a result of criminal investigations shall be used for school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or other law enforcement purposes.

No requests at this time.

FLORIDA CONTRABAND ACT FUNDS

Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(c)(3) specifically directs local law enforcement agencies to expend or donate twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds from assets forfeited pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs.

Accordingly, the Police Department has encumbered assets forfeited pursuant to the provisions of

FSS 932.7055 under City Commission resolutions to be set aside for the support and operation of those types of programs.

No requests at this time.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

1. Chevrolet Bolt LT Vehicles for NSAs

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for additional Neighborhood Safety Aide vehicles due to additional hires in the last year. As part of improvements to this program, the Department has selected two 2019 Chevrolet Bolt LT vehicles rather than the Polaris Gem e4 models currently in use. These new vehicles will allow for the expansion of the program into the gated communities and surrounding areas south of Sunset Road. As these vehicles are the primary means of transportation for these employees while on duty, capabilities greater than 90 miles per charge are required to bolster the Department's capabilities of fostering a positive partnership with the community.

Advantageous features of the Chevrolet Bolt LT include a range of 238 miles per charge, added safety features, better navigation on narrow streets, and an overall more efficient use of the lithium-ion batteries during traffic congestion.

The cost per vehicle with the necessary equipment as quoted by Auto Nation Chevrolet is \$33,294. For the two vehicles being requested, the overall total cost is \$66,588.00. There are no recurring costs anticipated after the initial purchase fee, outside of standard vehicle maintenance and upkeep.

Total Cost Per Vehicle	\$32,170.00
Additional Key Fob	\$375.00
Fast Charging Provisions	\$749.00
Summit White Exterior	No Charge
Dark Galvanized/Sky Cool Gray	No Charge
Deluxe Cloth Seat Trim	No Charge
Total Number of Vehicles	2
Total	\$66,588.00

Auto Nation Chevrolet is an authorized vendor under the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid FSA18-VEL16.0 contract, which has been approved by Procurement as an active City piggyback contract for vehicles through September 30, 2019. Based on the total cost, with Commission approval, this quote is sufficient for purchase per the City's Procurement Code.

The "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*" by the United States Department of Justice provides direction to local law enforcement agencies on the permissible uses of forfeited assets shared with local agencies as a result of a local agency's participation in federal criminal investigations.

Per this guide, a permissible use of federally forfeited assets is the cost associated with law enforcement equipment.

Accordingly, a motion was made to the FAF Committee proposing an expenditure of \$67,000 in forfeited assets to fund the acquisition of two Chevrolet Bolt LT vehicles.

2. Senior Management Training – Supplement

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified the need for additional funding allocated to senior management training due to recent promotions and transfers, and in anticipation of solidifying the Department's senior administration.

Previous funding approved in FY16 has been exhausted and the funds have greatly benefitted Departmental personnel. As a result, a supplement of \$50,000 is requested to continue this enhancement and improve the knowledge and capabilities of Departmental management personnel.

As the funds are to be used exclusively for training – such as registration/tuition, travel costs and per diem – these expenses fall under exemption 11 (“fees and costs of job-related seminars and training”) of Section 2-607 of the Procurement Code.

The “*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*” by the United States Department of Justice provides direction to local law enforcement agencies on the permissible uses of forfeited assets shared with local agencies as a result of a local agency's participation in federal criminal investigations.

Per this guide, a permissible use of federally forfeited assets is the cost associated with law enforcement training and education, as well as law enforcement travel and per diem.

Accordingly, a motion was made to the FAF Committee proposing an encumbrance of \$50,000 in forfeited assets to be expended as needed for senior management training.

3. SaferWatch

The Police Department has identified a need for SaferWatch. This web and mobile based security system is a Public Safety collaboration tool that empowers users to report an incident as they see it happening, or submit a tip at a later time. The service also provides real-time two-way communication during emergency and non-emergency situations.

SaferWatch provides many different advantages to law enforcement, including seamless communication with users, administrators and security personnel on the same secure network. Alerts received through SaferWatch provide detailed safety instructions based on the incident and provide the ability for users to contribute information. There is an emergency live video feature that can be activated through the app. Furthermore, the system integrates with current NC4 software for an all-encompassing collection of intelligence and data that is available to officers in real-time.

The Department has evaluated the options offered by SaferWatch and has selected the Software as a

Service (SaaS) option for purchase, which provides the City with unlimited usage of the system with all of its available features. The system covers all areas in which services are provided by the Coral Gables Police Department. All initial setup fees have been waived under this proposal and a discount has been provided to allow for partner pricing at \$20,000 per year with a five-year term.

Amount Per Year	\$20,000.00
Contract Length	5 Years
Total	\$100,000.00

In addition, the Information Technology Department has reviewed the SaferWatch system and its capabilities, and has provided their approval to move forward with the SaaS option.

SaferWatch is the sole vendor of the SaferWatch app and associated services. A sole source letter and Procurement authorization form will be provided for compliance with the City's Procurement Code.

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Per this guide, a permissible use of federally forfeited assets is the cost associated with law enforcement equipment.

Accordingly, a motion was made to the FAF Committee proposing an expenditure of \$100,000 in forfeited assets to fund the acquisition of SaferWatch.