



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$184,700 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment, the purchase of NC4 Street Smart for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department; and accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to authorize the purchase of NC4 Street Smart as a “Sole Source,” pursuant to Section 2-770 of the City’s Procurement Code. 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.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for a Public Safety collaboration tool with real-time crime reporting, data integration and aggregation features. The NC4 Street Smart system improves officer situational awareness by allowing officers to view reports as soon as they are entered, it allows for data sharing and collaboration with neighboring agencies, and it allows for the aggregating of data and information from different systems currently in place at the Police Department - CAD, RMS, Message Switch, CCTV - into one platform and centralizes visualization of that information at a given location. In conjunction with the Information Technology Department’s technical review, the Police Department has selected the NC4 Street Smart system with the Software as a Service (SaaS) option for purchase, along with two additional years of licensing and maintenance costs.

Under Section 2-770 of the Procurement Code, entitled “Sole Source Procurement,” a contract may be awarded without competitive bids when the contract by its very nature is not suitable to competitive bids or proposals, as there is only one source for the required supply capable of fulfilling the needs of the City. The Chief Procurement Officer pursuant to Section 2-770 of the Procurement Code has determined that NC4 is the sole provider of the NC4 Street Smart system, which fulfills the Police Department’s identified need of a Public Safety collaboration tool.

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