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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners, Mayor and Interim City Manager

FROM: Chief Javaro Sims 

DATE: February 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Donations

Florida State Statute 932.7055 entitled Disposition of Liens and Forfeited Property regulates our Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) distribution. Any local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25% of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs. These funds may be expended upon request by the Sheriff to the Board of County Commissioners or by the Chief of Police to the governing body of the municipality, accompanied by written certification that the request complies with the provisions of the statute and only upon appropriation to the sheriff's office or police department by the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of the municipality.

An application was created that fulfills the necessary requirements mentioned above. All requests for funding are reviewed by the Chief of Police prior to submitting the request to the City Commission for approval. Only upon commission approval, funds will be awarded to the applicants.

To provide some background, the Law Enforcement Trust Fund distribution process has been delayed until a formal process could be established in accordance with statute; therefore, an application process has been created that fulfills Florida State Statute and creates a system that allows for accurate tracking of the awarding of funds. The applicants, amount of award, and purpose of the grant is included. Application information will be added as an agenda item for the Commission for review.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

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