



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Chief Javaro Sims, Police Department
THROUGH: Jennifer Alvarez, Interim City Manager
DATE: April 6, 2021

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE DELTA CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL AND SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC. FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve request for funding from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) pursuant to Florida Statute 932.7055, Disposition of Liens and Forfeited Property, to The Delta Cultural Educational and Service Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.

Background:

Florida State Statute 932.7055, 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 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhoods, 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.

The Police Department created a standard application that fulfills the necessary requirements mentioned above. Requests for funding are submitted using the application and are reviewed by the Chief of Police prior to submitting the request to the City Commission for approval. Only upon Commission approval will funds be awarded to the applicants.

To provide some background, the LETF 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 applicant information, amount of award, and purpose of the grant is included for Commission review.

The first funding request is from The Delta Cultural Educational and Service Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

112-21-120-521.49-63

Timing of Request:

N/A