



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 16-00358

City Council

1/12/2017

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

SUBJECT:

Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) Purchases for the Pensacola Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve a request to expend \$107,900 from the Law Enforcement Trust Funds to purchase various items for the Pensacola Police Department and its personnel. Further, that City Council approve the supplemental budget resolution to provide funding for these items.

AGENDA: Regular

Public Hearing Required: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund was established by City of Pensacola to allow the Police Department the use of money and goods confiscated as a result of criminal activity. Florida State Statute 932.7055 as amended on July 1, 2016 details the circumstances confiscated goods may be used. The Federal Controlled Substance Act, Section 881 (e) (3) of Title 21, United States Code, in accordance with the United States Department of Justice Guide to Equitable Sharing designates the uses of Federal Law Enforcement Trust Funds.

The Pensacola Police Department is requesting \$107,900 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund established by the City of Pensacola as a non-major special revenue fund and as such, combining both state and federal confiscated funds into one accounting fund. The request is for the purchase of various items that will improve/enhance job capabilities for City of Pensacola law enforcement personnel. Among the items being requested under Florida State Statute 932.7055 are funds for specialty equipment for various Police Department divisions and units, funding for community policing and crime prevention programs, funding for technology and social media projects, funding for computer software and other technology for 21st Century Policing, funding towards under-cover vehicle purchase(s), and funding for accreditation needs. Funding requested from Federal funds under Department of Justice (DOJ) Equitable Sharing Guidelines are for the training/educational needs for investigators and other law enforcement personnel necessary to perform official law enforcement duties.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

Budget: \$ - 0 -

Actual: \$107,900

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funds would be from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and would have no impact on the City's General Fund. The attached supplemental budget resolution will appropriate funds for these purposes.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

12/27/2016

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric W. Olson, City Administrator
David Alexander III, Chief of Police

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Letter of Certification
- 2) Supplemental Budget Resolution
- 3) Supplemental Budget Explanation

PRESENTATION: No