



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 2020-24

City Council

8/13/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) PURCHASES FOR THE PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2020-24.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND MAKING REVISIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund was established by the 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 \$5,000 be appropriated from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for the purpose of donating to Studer Community Institute. The funds will help provide with costs of 1,000 books for children in the program, which is a vital component to the success of the program.

Studer Community Institute's "Sibling Brain Builder Project" helps build safer neighborhoods by supporting students in their effort to be successful in school. School success is a greater predictor of achieving gainful employment, making better choices, and becoming a productive citizen. Siblings can have an influence on academic success, due to something referred to as the "sibling spillover effect" found in a 2014 study. Older brothers and sisters also can be vital in the early childhood brain of siblings. This is especially true for low-income and underserved families (a demographic over-represented among children who struggle with reading) where older siblings pass along school values to the home and home values to the school.

The Pensacola Police Department is requesting \$5,000 be appropriated from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) for the purpose of donating to Gulf Coast Kids House (GCKH). The funds will help support the GCKH child abuse prevention training program, which educated nearly 30,000 children and 3,000 adults in Escambia County last year.

All prevention training is free for the participants, and each program has pre- and post-testing, so GCKH can ensure people feel more informed about identifying and reporting suspected abuse. This is a crucial step in ensuring that abuse stops and that children get the help they need.

The Police Chief has certified that these requests comply with the statutory requirements of Florida Statute 932.7055 and that the funds appropriated will be used for the qualifying purpose(s) of crime prevention and safe neighborhood.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

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

7/15/2020

STAFF CONTACT:

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator
Tommi S. Lyter, Chief of Police

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2020-24
- 2) Supplemental Budget Explanation No. 2020-24
- 3) Letter of Certification
- 4) Studer Community Institute LETf application
- 5) Gulf Coast Kids House LETf application

PRESENTATION: No

