



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ana M. Garcia, City Manager

VIA: J. Scott Dennis, Chief of Police
Kevin Prescott, Administrative Police Captain

DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

RE: Forfeiture (LETF) Appropriation Request (Chief J. Scott Dennis)

**BACKGROUND
ANALYSIS:**

The asset forfeiture program is a process to deprive criminals from the proceeds of their crime, and offset any investigative expenses of law enforcement. Police departments are allowed to utilize the proceeds from these investigations to offset the costs of certain allowed expenses as provided by federal guidelines and State Statutes. Usually the investigations are long-term and are conducted as part of a task force operation. These task forces may be entirely comprised of NMB Police Officers or they may include other local, state and federal agencies.

The specific nature of processing the case determines in which forfeiture fund the proceeds are to be recorded. The Police Department has three (3) separate funds to account for the revenues and expenditures as required by the State of Florida, U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Treasury. The table below identifies the agencies within each forfeiture fund.

The Police Department is requesting appropriation approval of \$952,000.00 from the Federal Justice Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 172), \$0.00 from the Federal Treasury Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 177), and \$500,000.00 from the State/Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 173). Please refer to the attached LETF request dated January 7, 2014 for a description of expenditure requests from each of the three (3) Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF).

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully requested that the funding requests be approved for the expenditures described in the attached document.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: The request will not affect the City's General Fund, but will reduce the available balance in each corresponding LETF.

ATTACHMENTS:

- LETF Request January 2014

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Ana M. Garcia
City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Use of LETF Funds

FROM: J. Scott Dennis
Chief of Police

REFERENCES:

ENCLOSURES:

I respectfully request that you place on the agenda for the next City Council meeting the attached appropriation request totaling **\$1,452,000.00** for expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Accounts. We will ask for **\$952,000.00** from the Federal Justice Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 172), **\$ 0.00** from the Federal Treasury Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 177), and **\$500,000.00** from the State/Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 173).

As Chief of Police, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the items requested below are in compliance with applicable Federal Guidelines and Florida Statute Chapter 932.7055, subsection 4, regarding the disposition of lien, seized, and forfeited property.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Chief Dennis at extension 2717 or Captain Kevin Prescott at extension 2528.

cc: Kevin Prescott, Administrative Police Captain
Betty Kennedy, Police Finance

Federal (Justice) LETF (Fund 172):

The above requested amount will be used for the following law enforcement related purpose(s):

- 1. Task Force Related Overtime and expenses..... \$ 650,000.00

This request provides partial funding for police task force units conducting protracted, long-term investigations. These task forces that include but are not limited to the DEA and IRS, are dedicated to investigating criminal activity related to illegal narcotic activity, robberies and gang related activities.

- 2. Police Training \$ 50,000.00

The Police Department is committed to further educating its personnel, and therefore requests funding for training programs. These programs will allow police employees to develop additional expertise in specific areas related to their job duties.

- 3. Rental vehicles for Gang/Fraud Task Force/ Vin \$ 50,000.00

In order to maintain the anonymity of the task force officers, rental vehicles are used. They provide versatility by allowing the Task Force Officers the ability to change the vehicle they are driving if the vehicle is compromised. In addition, a rental vehicle has no affiliation directly linked to a Law Enforcement agency so if the vehicle license plate is checked, there will be no information available to compromise the investigation or the officer.

- 4. Marine Patrol Task Force \$43,000.00

This request is to start a Marine Patrol Task Force. These funds will cover repair and maintenance of the 22' Nautica Vessel and a 17' Logic vessel. It will also cover operating expenses such as fuel, maintenance along with overtime for officers during the six month operation. The task force will patrol the waterways in the North Miami Beach jurisdiction once a week for six months.

- 5. Upgrade of TI Firearms Simulator equipment..... \$25,000.00

This request is for the upgrade of the Firearms Simulator located in the police department. This upgrade includes the purchase of a new computer equipped with new software, Blue Ray Burner, with a new 3-D projector and other hardware. The upgrade will also include a new extended warranty and training for officers to operate the new system.

