



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – FUNDS TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,000

ISSUE:

Authorize a supplemental appropriation of asset forfeiture funds in the amount of \$345,000 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account, Federal Treasury Asset Forfeiture Account and State Asset Forfeiture Account to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund Police Department as detailed in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council with at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue in the amount of \$345,000 and an equal amount appropriated to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Asset Forfeiture Programs as detailed in this report.

BACKGROUND:

Federal and State legislation allow for funds seized by law enforcement during the investigation of specific narcotics law violations to be forfeited to the investigating law enforcement organizations. These funds are restricted in use to law enforcement and must be used to supplement, not supplant, the Police Department’s annual budget.

DISCUSSION

The proposed expenditures for the asset forfeiture funds include equipment, supplies and services that help support the City’s law enforcement operations. The items and services requested this fiscal year include software license and application renewals and Night Vision Goggles for SWAT Operations and are outlined in the following chart.

Key	Object	Expenditure	Budget
		Professional Services	
3145501	421000	Gang/TF Audit/UC Funds	30,000

		Telephone - Cellular	
3145501	422120	Cell Service for iPads (20)	10,000
3145501	422120	Phone Usage/UC	20,000
		Software Purchase/Licensing	
3145201	425700	Computer Forensics Unit - License Renewal	25,000
3145201	425700	Radio Licenses	18,000
3145201	425700	Veritone Contract Application	2,000
3145201	425700	Churchill	12,000
3145401	425700	Whooster Software License Renewal	15,000
3145401	425700	Grayshift	10,000
3145401	425700	Linear Systems	4,500
3145401	425700	OTI Open Text	2,000
3145401	425700	Call-Yo 12-month License Renewal	3,500
		Special Department Supplies	
3145201	426800	Night Vision Goggles (NVG)	193,000
Total:			345,000

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The proposed fund transfer will allow the Police Department to purchase the items and services summarized in this report and provide the Department with the tools needed to serve the public interest, benefit the City’s diverse populations, and result in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The proposed fund transfer will allow the Police Department to purchase the items and services summarized in this report which will allow the Department to continue to provide public safety services and ensure every member of the community has equal access to share in the benefits.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The proposed fund transfer will be used to make the purchases summarized in this report which will be made in accordance with the City’s Purchasing Police and will be managed responsibly. The funding source is a non-General Fund source.
4. **Innovation** – The proposed fund transfer will be used to make the purchases summarized in this report and will assist the Police Department in meeting the community’s changing needs and prepare for the future.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The proposed fund transfer provides the Police Department with a way to make the outlined purchases without using General Funds. This allows the Department to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$345,000. Upon Council approval, an increase in

\$345,000 will be recorded in revenue and an equal amount will be appropriated in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Asset Forfeiture Programs, in the revenue and expenditure accounts listed in the table below.

Fund	Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Revenue			
Grants & Restricted Programs	Police Asset Forfeiture - US DOJ	3145401-374500	\$35,000
	Police Asset Forfeiture - US Treasury	3145501-374500	\$60,000
	Police Asset Forfeiture - Miscellaneous	3145201-374500	\$250,000
Total			\$345,000
Expenditures			
Grants & Restricted Programs	Forfeiture/US Treasury-Professional Services	3145501-421000	\$30,000
	Forfeiture/US Treasury-Telephone Cellular	3145501-422120	\$30,000
	Forfeiture/Misc-Software Purchases/Licensing	3145201-425700	\$57,000
	Forfeiture/DOJ-Software Purchases/Licensing	3145401-374500	\$35,000
	Forfeiture/Misc-Special Department Supplies	3145201-426800	\$193,000
Total			\$345,000

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