



Legislation Text

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State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) Funding for Gainesville Police Department portion of the Problem Oriented Policing Unit Equipment and Training Expenses (NB)

This item requests that the City Commission appropriate and expend funds from the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the purchase of equipment and materials for enhancement of the narcotics enforcement efforts.

The Gainesville Police Department participates in the Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Unit with Federal, State, County and Municipal agencies. The POP unit is funded by a grant which provides funding for overtime used by members of the Alachua County Drug Taskforce. Items and funds seized during operations conducted during these details paid for using POP grant dollars are required to be expended to address narcotics enforcement issues in the service area. The grant has the following requirements for seized funds:

Program Income (also known as Project Generated Income)

1. All income generated as a direct result of a sub-grant project shall be deemed program income.
2. Any project that will potentially earn PGI must submit an Earnings and Expenditures Report to report how much PGI was earned during each quarter. A report must be submitted each quarter even if no PGI was earned or expended.
3. PGI expenditures require prior written approval from the Office of Criminal Justice Grants. Program income must be used for the purposes of and under the conditions applicable to the award. If the cost is allowable under the Federal grant program, then the cost would be allowable using program income.

Program income should be used as earned and expended as soon as possible. Any unexpended PGI remaining at the end of the Federal grant period must be submitted to the Office of Criminal Justice Grants for transmittal to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Consequently, the Police Department requests approval to expend the dollars as follows:

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| 1. | Investigative Equipment | |
| | a. Traffic enforcement equipment | \$7,753.09 |
| | b. Covert equipment | \$2,673.86 |
| 2. | Safety Equipment | |
| | a. Kenneling equipment for narcotic K-9 | <u>\$ 387.00</u> |

Total Recommended Expenditures \$10,813.95

Funds for this expenditure are available in the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund, as allowed under Florida State Statute 932.7055. The current balance in the Project Generated Income account of the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund is \$10813.95

The City Commission authorizes the appropriation of \$10,813.95 from the Project Generated Income account of the State Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the purchase of equipment and training for the Gainesville Police Department's Special Investigation Bureau.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission declines the appropriation and allows the funds to be turned over to the State of Florida resulting in the potential loss of \$10,813.95.