



Legislation Text

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Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) Funding for the Gainesville - Alachua County Drug Task Force (DTF), GPD Special Investigation Division for Verizon Wireless for FY13 (NB)

This is to request money for FY2013 for cellular phones service for the Special Investigations Division.

On November 1, 2007 the Gainesville Police Department Special Investigations Division (GPD SID) combined with Alachua County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit (ASO NOCU), along with the University of Florida Police Department (UPD) to form the Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force (DTF). The DTF is often involved in large scale operations with other federal, state and local organizations.

Nextel has done away with the program that the DTF and DEA were using. The Nextel Phone equipment and service is no longer available for DTF purposes. As a result other agencies had to move to a different service. The service that ASO is using is Verizon Wireless. Since this is now the standard it is important that the Special Investigations Division keep with the same service as the rest of the task force. It is important when in some cases this would be the only means of communications between task force members and other federal and state organizations. The funding request is for the operating expenses for FY2013 cellular phones used by SID in the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$9,000.00 are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) and is allowable per the US Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Enforcement Agencies". The balance is \$1,221,746 unreserved fund balance for the nine months ended June 30, 2012.

The City Commission approve the appropriation of \$9,000.00 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund (LECFTF) to pay for the cellular services and any equipment needed to Verizon Wireless.