



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Norman Foster

Department: Office of Management and Budget

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-531 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,162,066 for the purpose of supporting the Forfeiture Unit for Fiscal Year 2021.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-532 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$326,575 for the purpose of supporting the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2021.

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-533 within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Broward Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$32,874 to provide non-federal matching funds for a Port Security Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.

ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: 9-0.

Why Action is Necessary

Florida Statutes 932.7055(5)(a) requires that proceeds from the disposition of liens and forfeited property obtained from criminal procedures and corrections be deposited in a special law enforcement trust fund to be used for law enforcement purposes. Recommendation of the Sheriff and Board approval are necessary to appropriate LETF funds.

What Action Accomplishes

A. Provides LETF funding in the amount of \$1,162,066 to support the Forfeiture Unit for Fiscal Year 2021.

B. Provides LETF funding in the amount of \$326,575 to support the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2021.

C. Provides LETF funding in the amount of \$32,874 to provide non-federal matching funds for a Port Security Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

None.

Summary Explanation/Background

A. The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETF request for \$1,162,066 to fund the Broward County Forfeiture Unit. Funding for this program is shared by local forfeiture and the Federal Justice Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

B. The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETF request for \$326,575 to fund the Broward County Juvenile Firesetter Prevention and Intervention Program. Funding for this program is shared by the Pay Telephone Trust Fund and the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Broward County's Juvenile Firesetter Prevention and Intervention programs provide specialized fire safety education for children ages 2 to 17 and targets at-risk children and teens with an interest in or a history of starting fires, initiating bomb threats, creating destructive incendiary devices, or pulling fire alarms. By offering fire safety education instruction and community outreach presentations, the program helps reduce incidents of injury, property loss, and death. Follow-up surveys and a six-month monitoring process complete the program which has proven highly successful in reducing recidivism.

C. The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) supports this LETF request for matching funds for the Port Security Grant Program - Grants Fiscal Year 2020 (Project Period 9/1/20-8/31/23). BSO received a Port Security Grant from FEMA to fund projects including the purchase of Radiological-Nuclear (rad-nuc) Detection and Identification devices. The additional of rad-nuc devices will enhance BSO's comprehensive Preventative Rad-Nuc Detection Program implemented in 2017 so BSO can implement a layered defense to secure against radiological or nuclear terrorist attacks. FEMA requires grantees to provide 25% matching funds from a non-federal source.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Funds are available within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for these actions. According to BSO, the current balance of the LETF, as of October 1, 2020, is \$2,545,003 in the local account (\$1,877,027 of which is unrestricted) and \$6,519,482 in the federal account (\$2,793,216 of which is unrestricted). These actions will utilize \$1,234,895 in unrestricted local funds and \$286,620 in unrestricted federal funds.