



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

MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-044 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$223,072 for the purpose of providing matching funds for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to procure an emergency response vessel and conduct an emergency response exercise.

Why Action is Necessary

Florida Statutes s. 932.7055(5)(a) requires that proceeds from the disposition of liens and forfeited property obtained from criminal procedure and corrections be deposited in a special law enforcement trust fund to be used for law enforcement purposes.

Recommendation of the Sheriff and approval by the Board are necessary to appropriate LETF funds.

What Action Accomplishes

Provides LETF funding in the amount of \$223,072 to meet a matching funds requirement for a grant received by the Broward Sheriff's Office from the Department of Homeland Security.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

None.

Summary Explanation/Background

The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) supports this LETF request for matching funds for the Port Security Grant Program - Grant Fiscal Year 2019 (Project Period 09/01/2019-08/31/2022). BSO has received a Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund multiple projects, including a Maritime Terrorist Attack Exercise and a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Vessel at Port Everglades. The exercise will be designed to simulate a vessel bomb attack and test BSO's ability to counteract the effects of a maritime terrorist takeover of an inbound vessel. FEMA requires the grantee of the award to provide 25% matching funds.

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 January 22, 2020, is \$2,362,485.78 in the local account (\$2,049,074.66 of which is unrestricted) and \$5,810,589.77 in the federal account (\$837,766.72 of which is unrestricted). This action will utilize \$223,072 in unrestricted local funds.