



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

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Department: Office of Management and Budget

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-268 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in the amount of \$49,500 to implement a wide-area outdoor acoustic gunshot surveillance system, known as ShotSpotter, in a one square-mile area in Hallandale Beach for a one-year period.

Why Action is Necessary

Florida Statutes 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 Board approval are required to appropriate LETf funds.

What Action Accomplishes

Provides LETf funding in the amount of \$49,500 to implement ShotSpotter in a one square-mile area in Hallandale Beach for a one-year period.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

On September 10, 2020, the Board approved \$205,000 in unrestricted federal LETf funds to implement ShotSpotter in a one square-mile area in unincorporated Central Broward for a three-year period.

Summary Explanation/Background

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETf request for ShotSpotter - Hallandale Beach. The City of Hallandale Beach intends to install ShotSpotter in a one square-mile area. ShotSpotter is an outdoor acoustic gunshot detection system that uses advanced technology to calculate the precise location where a gun is fired, which is then transmitted to law enforcement on a GPS map in their cars' computers, cell phones, and command center, thus allowing officers to respond to an incident in seconds. The ShotSpotter Initiative's goals are to: (1) respond to firearms related crimes in an expedient manner, 80% of all "shots fired" calls are never reported to law enforcement; (2) arrest perpetrators responsible for firearms related crimes; (3) apply lifesaving first aid to victims of gun violence at the scene of incidents; (4) collect firearms ballistic evidence at crime scenes for analysis and comparison to other crime scenes; and (5) enhance community relationship.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Funds are available within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for this action. According to BSO, the current balance of the LETF, as of April 20, 2021, is \$1,592,423 in the local account (\$1,138,738 of which is unrestricted) and \$4,260,827 in the federal account (\$2,337,000 of which is unrestricted). This action will utilize \$49,500 in unrestricted federal funds.