



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 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in the amount of \$61,120 for the purpose of providing funds for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit.

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 \$61,120 for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETf request for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit. The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit enhances the availability and affordability of air support for public safety uses. UAS may be operated in areas inaccessible to manned aircraft due to weather, space or other safety considerations. BSO UAS are utilized to increase scene safety during critical incidents, locate missing persons and assist in the apprehension of fleeing suspects. UAS provide a unique, viable, sage, versatile, and supplemental tool to incident commanders and first responders.

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 3, 2023, is \$3,391,843 in the local account (\$2,494,759 of which is unrestricted) and \$4,187,717 in the federal account (\$2,509,297 of which is unrestricted). This action will utilize \$61,120 in unrestricted local funds.