



**City of North Miami Beach, Florida**  
**Police Department**

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Memorandum No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: December 7, 2020  
To: Esmond K. Scott, City Manager  
From: William Hernandez, Chief of Police  
Subject: LETF Funds Request

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The purpose of this memorandum is to respectfully request that the placement of the attached appropriation request totaling in the amount of \$795,000 for expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund accounts on the agenda for the City Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The Police Department is expected to request \$645,000 from the Federal Justice Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 172), and \$150,000 from the State/Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 173).

As Chief of Police, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the items requested below are in compliance with applicable Federal Guidelines and Florida State Statute Chapter 932.7055, Subsection 4, regarding the disposition of lien, seized, and forfeited property.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at extension 2995 or Deputy Chief Richard Rand at extension 2537.

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c: Richard Rand, Deputy Chief of Police  
Ketty Gelin, Police, Finance Coordinator  
Adrian Thomas, Police Finance Clerk

Federal (Justice) LETF (Fund 172):

The above requested amount will be used for the following law enforcement related purpose(s):

- 1. Task Force Related Overtime and Expenses..... \$250,000

This request provides partial funding for police task force units conducting protracted, long-term investigations. These task forces include, but are not limited to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); are dedicated to investigating criminal activity related to illegal narcotic activity; robberies and gang related activities. The protracted investigations also include any in-depth cases investigated by detectives. This amount also includes various task forces such as the Holiday Task Force and other robbery preventive details.

- 2. Police Training ..... \$50,000

The Police Department is committed to further educating its personnel and, therefore, requests funding for training programs. These programs will allow police employees to develop additional expertise in specific areas related to their job duties.

- 3. Rental Vehicles for Gang/Fraud Task Force/VIN..... \$50,000

In order to maintain the anonymity of the task force officers, rental vehicles are used. They provide versatility by allowing the task force officers the ability to change the vehicle if the vehicle is compromised during surveillance. In addition, a rental vehicle has no affiliation directly linked to a law enforcement agency, so if the vehicle license plate is checked, there will be no information available to compromise the investigation or the officer.

- 4. Firearms Training Ammunition ..... \$40,000

This request is for the purchase of ammunition for firearms training that will be utilized by the entire police department throughout the year. This also includes chemical training aids (i.e., inert gas) for the Special Response Team (SRT), which is necessary to maintain the deploying officers' certification.

- 5. Technology Equipment Request..... \$45,000

This request is to install and upgrade cameras and connections throughout existing locations in the police department. It is also to purchase of various technological items and software to enhance the operations of the Police Department.

6. Marine Patrol..... \$60,000

The purpose of this request is to promote boating safety, education, and enforcement of marine-related laws and ordinances and to provide police service to waterfront areas in the City of North Miami Beach. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Police Department to provide special purpose vessels/vehicles to be used in the varying police duties.

7. Rapid ID..... \$10,000

Cross Match Technologies' Mobile Rapid ID provides law enforcement agencies with immediate verification of subjects' identities in the field. Wireless technology liberates officers to capture forensic-quality biometric data for comparison against stored watch lists or databases. The on-the-go availability of federal, state, or local Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems saves officers' time and helps them preserve safety through immediate action. Rapid ID is an extremely fast and accurate solution that uses advanced fingerprint matching techniques to provide positive identification of an individual.

8. Pole Cameras..... \$25,000

This request is to provide outdoor video surveillance equipment developed specifically for law enforcement, including other covert video systems to enhance community safety by allowing police investigators to target hotspots for criminal and nuisance activity and gather evidence for effective prosecutions.

9. iRecord/Updated Software..... \$20,000

iRecord Anywhere is the first surface tablet designed to create digital video recordings of interrogations. With iRecord Anywhere, high quality mobile interviews can be conducted anytime and/or anywhere. In today's world of policing, witnesses and victims are very apprehensive or scared to be interviewed at police stations. Keeping with best practices in policing, detectives need to the ability to capture interviews in the field. Once a witness or victim is released from a scene, it becomes a mission to locate him/her for a formal statement. Additionally, when detectives need to identify a suspect or witness, very strict procedures are outlined by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. iRecord Anywhere will allow for the ability of cases to be thorough and effective and provide in the avoidance of losing cases and setting criminals free.

10. Purchase of New Tasers..... \$30,000

This request is to purchase new Tasers for police officers. This purchase will bring all of the Tasers to the current model which is more effective and reliable. The older generation of Tasers in our inventory need to be replaced as they are out of warranty and where some are

not serviceable. In addition, the need for new Tasers are necessary for the newly hired police officers.

11. Purchase of New Firearms (Glocks)..... \$8,000

This request is to purchase new Glock firearms for police officers. This purchase will bring all of the Glock firearms to the current model which is more effective and reliable. The older generation of Glock firearms in our inventory need to be replaced as they are out of warranty and where some are not serviceable. In addition, the need for new Glock firearms are necessary for the newly hired police officers.

12. SRT Equipment/Uniforms..... \$57,000

This request is for the purchase of equipment and uniforms for the SRT; these funds will outfit the newly purchased SRT rifles with the necessary accessories to be fully usable in any scenario, outfit the SRT pistols with flashlights for the new operators, replace the communication and hearing protection equipment which are becoming damaged due to wear and tear, replace the expired medical equipment, replace the expired ballistic tactical helmets, and replaced the worn uniforms for the operators.

Federal LETF Status Report (as of 12/7/2020):

Cash balance as of – 12/7/2020	\$ 1,947,702.00
Total of this request	\$645,000.00
Amount available after this request	\$1,302,702.00

State and Local LETF (Fund 173):

The above requested amount will be used for the following law enforcement related purpose(s):

1. Crime Prevention Program..... \$150,000

Crime Prevention employees organize, coordinate, and support Crime Prevention program activities; monitors and provides crime information and statistics to management, sworn staff, and the public; develops, prepares, and presents training on crime prevention techniques to promote community and business awareness. Crime Prevention employees interact with the community to ensure safe neighborhoods while addressing quality of life issues. Additionally, Crime Prevention reaches out to the youth educating them on the effects of drug abuse.

State and Local LETF Status Report (as of 12/7/2020):

Cash balance as of – 12/7/2020	\$927,239.00
Total of this request	\$150,000.00
Amount available after this request	\$777,239.00