



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Police Department



Memorandum No. 17-

Date: May 3, 2017
To: Ana M. Garcia, ICMA-CM, City Manager
From: William Hernandez, Chief of Police
Subject: LETF Funds Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to respectfully request your placement of the attached appropriation request totaling in the amount of \$746,000 for expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) accounts on the agenda for the City Commission meeting that will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The Police Department is expected to request \$680,000 from the Federal Justice Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 172), and \$66,000 from the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 173).

As Chief of Police, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the items requested below are in compliance with the applicable Federal Guidelines (Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies) and Florida Statute Chapter 932.7055, Subsection 4, regarding the disposition of liens and forfeited property.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 2995 or Deputy Chief Kevin Prescott at extension 2528.

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c: Kevin Prescott, Deputy Chief of Police
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..... \$500,000.00

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 DEA and 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 case investigated by the NMB Police Detectives. This amount also includes various Task Forces such as the Holiday Task Force and other robbery preventive details.

2. Police Training \$60,000.00

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 \$60,000.00

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 they are driving if the vehicle is compromised. 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. Summer Initiative Robbery and Burglary Prevention Task Force \$60,000.00

This Task Force will be deployed during the summer months and focuses on violent crimes prevention, and burglary prevention, while providing a safe secure summer season. This request will provide funding for Police overtime to enhance visible and covert patrols. The marked units will enhance visibility (with marked units and bicycle patrols) and the unmarked units will focus on the apprehension of offenders. This Task Force has been highly successful in the past, in preventing crime and arresting offenders.

Federal LETF Status Report (as of 4/25/2017):

Cash balance as of – 4/25/2017	\$ 3,588,966.00
Total of this request	\$ 680,000.00
Amount available after this request	\$ 2,908,966.00

State and Local LETF (Fund 173):

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

1. Leaders in our Youth (FLY)..... \$17,000.00

The City of North Miami Beach Leisure Services Department proposes to launch an 8 week Teen Enrichment Summer Program targeting high school teenagers ages 15-17. The mission is to provide a unique summer experience to our campers in a positive and supportive environment. We strive to both enhance and empower our teens by engaging them in activities that are educational, challenging, and fun. Upon completion campers may be eligible to receive a certificate of achievement and they will gain valuable skills to help lead them to a successful future. These funds cover city personnel cost necessary to operate the program to include salary, overtime, salary, certificates, awards and equipment costs.

2. Youth Empowerment Program..... \$39,000.00

The City of North Miami Beach Youth Empowerment Program provides youth between the ages of 11-25 with positive, alternative late night basketball activities during the summer months. The program aims at educating youth on important life skills and lessons necessary to avoid delinquent behavior such as substance abuse and crimes. Other key objectives of the program include leadership skills, sportsmanship, interpersonal skills, rules of the game, and their role in life skills development. These funds cover city personnel cost's necessary to operate the program after normal business hours to include salary, overtime and related costs. It also includes equipment.

3. DEFY Camp Sponsorship \$ 4,000.00

This request is for the sponsorship of ten youth to attend Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) camp. DEFY is a six day, overnight camp that provides drug, and gang prevention guidance for youth. Approximately 110 youths from at risk neighborhoods attend from Miami Dade and Broward Counties. The curriculum also includes leadership and life skills to help the youth develop healthy and productive lifestyles. This program is facilitated by the US Attorney's Office. This request helps satisfy the provision of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act (932.7055) which require no less than 15% of forfeiture proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program(s).

4. Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference \$ 6,000.00

This request is for the sponsorship of ten youth to Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference. This is a five day, overnight conference that provides guidance, drug, and gang prevention guidance for youth. This conference is attended by at risk youths from various

states in the country. A major component of the program will be directed toward alternatives to violence among our young people. The agenda is designed to showcase successful programs and promote a positive exchange of ideas on the subject. This program is facilitated by the Florida and Georgia State Attorney's Office. This request helps satisfy the provision of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act (932.7055) which require no less than 15% of forfeiture proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program(s).

State and Local LETF Status Report (as of 4/25/2017):

Cash balance as of – 4/25/2017	\$ 1,024,404.00
Total of this request	\$ 66,000.00
Amount available after this request	\$ 960,404.00

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