

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL (JUSTICE) LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURE FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL COMPREHENSIVE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1984, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS (INCLUSIVE OF OVERTIME AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FEES), AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 authorized federal officials to implement a national asset forfeiture program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Program serves not only to deter crimes but also to provide valuable additional resources to state and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share federal forfeiture proceeds with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice's Equitable Sharing Guidelines ("Guidelines") set forth that Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds may be expended on permissible uses such as specialized training, law enforcement investigations (which may include the payment of overtime and payment of confidential informant fees), and law enforcement equipment, within certain parameters; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines require that the Police Department obtain approval from the City Commission for such expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department requests authorization to expend Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for costs associated with law enforcement training, law enforcement investigations and initiatives (inclusive of overtime and payment of confidential informant fees), and the acquisition of law enforcement equipment for the use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, all permissible use expenditures relating to training and the acquisition of equipment will be in accordance with the City's Procurement Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that \$200,000.00 be made available from the Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund and the Department of Financial Services will create certain accounts to recognize revenue and appropriate program funding for the permissible uses of specialized training, law enforcement investigations and initiatives (inclusive of overtime and payment of confidential informant fees), and the acquisition of law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of such Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Funds will incur no cost to the taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget of the City of Hollywood was adopted and approved by the City Commission pursuant to Resolution R-2023-300 at the second Public Budget Hearing on September 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks to authorize the recognition and appropriation of law enforcement forfeiture proceeds as detailed in the attached Exhibit "1".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it authorizes the expenditure of Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds pursuant to the Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 to provide funding for law enforcement training, law enforcement investigations and initiatives (inclusive of overtime and payment of confidential informant fees), and the acquisition of law enforcement equipment (to be made in accordance with the City's Purchasing Ordinance), in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Section 3: That these Amendments to the FY 2024 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and set forth in detail in Exhibit 1 are adopted and authorized as Amendments to the Operating Budget of the Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund (Fund 112) of the City of Hollywood, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2024.

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Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY