



City of Hollywood

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Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Expenditure Of Federal Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds Pursuant To The Federal Comprehensive Crime Control Act To Provide Funding For Two (2) Mobile Video Surveillance Trailers Containing CCTV And LPR Cameras, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$95,000.00; Further Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order Between Safeware, Inc. And The City Of Hollywood For This Purchase.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the Attached Resolution.

Explanation:

The Federal Comprehensive Act of 1984 authorized the federal officials to implement a national asset forfeiture program.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program serves not only to deter crimes but also to provide valuable additional resources to state and local law enforcement agencies.

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.

The Department of Justice's Equitable Sharing Guidelines (Guidelines) sets forth that Federal Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds (LEFF) may be expended on permissible uses such as law enforcement training, law enforcement investigations (which may include the payment of overtime and payment of confidential informant fees), and law enforcement equipment under certain parameters.

The Guidelines require that the Police Department obtain approval for such expenditures from the City Commission.

The Police Department is requesting authorization to expend Federal Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$95,000.00 to purchase two (2) Mobile Video Surveillance Trailers with license plate reader cameras and associated equipment which is designed to capture and process images of license plates, which will aid in the Police Department's crime prevention and interdiction efforts.

The requested mobile video surveillance trailers with license plate reader cameras and associated

equipment are available from Safeware Inc. of Landover, Maryland pursuant to the U.S. Communities Contract No. 440001839 and RFP No. 11-205753-10A and Safeware, Inc. has agreed to provide the specified equipment to the City under similar pricing, terms and conditions.

Section 38.40(C)(5) of the Purchasing Code allows the Director to procure, without following formal procedures, all goods and services which are subject of contracts with the state, its political subdivisions, the United States government, other governmental entities, or a corporation not for profit whose members are governmental entities, public officers, or any combination thereof, provided however, the goods and services are: (i) the subject of a price schedule negotiated by the state or the United States government, or (ii) the subject of a contract with another governmental entity or a corporation not for profit whose members are governmental entities, public officers, or any combination thereof, which contract is based strictly on competitive bids or competitive proposals and not on any preference.

The City has previously purchased similar equipment which is currently in use from Safeware Inc. of Landover, Maryland and the product's performance has been satisfactory.

Since LEFF funds will be used for this purchase, the taxpayers of the City of Hollywood will incur no cost for this expenditure.

The Chief of Police and the Director of Procurement & Contract Compliance Officer recommend that the City Commission approve the issuance of a Purchase Order for the purchase of two (2) mobile video surveillance trailers with license plate reader cameras and associated equipment in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager

Mel Standley, Assistant City Manager, Public Safety

George R. Keller, Jr., Assistant City Manager, Finance & Administration

Tomas Sanchez, Chief, Police Department

Paul Bassar, Director & Contract Compliance, Procurement Services