



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 (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, Confidential Informant Fees), And The Acquisition Of Law Enforcement Equipment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00; Amending The Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Operating Budget Per Resolution R-2018-301 For The Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund (Fund 12).

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 (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 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 (Justice) Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 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.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

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