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Use and release of State Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the Purchase of Rail-Mounted Gun Lights

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A year ago, the city embarked on a project with Sound Thinking (Shot Spotter) to install gunshot detection technology in the city. This program went live in April 2023. Officers responding to Sound Thinking alerts have been fully trained to handle this as an in progress/active shooting event. The city has invested in additional officer safety equipment to ensure that our officers have the best protection. During the course of the year, we have experienced most of the Sound Thinking alerts occurring during the nighttime hours. As part of their training and response, officers who are qualified and certified to utilize a rifle may deploy with this weapon. Our current Sig Sauer rifles are not equipped with a lighting system which has created an officer safety concern, while deploying a rifle in low light and nighttime events. Though officers are issued a handheld flashlight, it is not conducive for use with this weapon. Therefore, we are requesting to use funding from the State Law Enforcement Trust fund not to exceed \$16,000 to purchase rail-mounted flashlights to be installed on all of our rifles. This will significantly increase officer safety when deploying in low light and at night. Funding can be found in the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund with account #120-683-9935.

Need:

To cover cost for the rail-mounted flashlights to be installed on all of our officers' rifles which will increase officer safety in low light and nighttime events. The amount not to exceed \$16,000. Once this is approved, we are requesting that the Office of Management and Budget place the transfer of these funds on the same Commission Agenda as the requested items to eliminate any delays for the purchase of these items if approved by Commission.

Summary Explanation/ Background:

Funds are needed to cover the cost of the rail-mounted flashlight rifle installation. The amount not to exceed \$16,000 from the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund account 120-683-9935. Request the release of funds once approved by Commission, to be transferred without delay by the Office of Management and Budget.

Attachments:

Memo requesting use of funds from the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Memo requesting release of funds by Office of Management and Budget
Quote of rail-mounted flashlights

Cost Summary/ Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the equipment needed is \$16,000. We are requesting the release of funds from the State Law Enforcement Trust Funds not to exceed \$16,000 from account #120-683-9935.

Estimated Time for Presentation:**Master Plan:**

Goal 1: Clean, Green Sustainable Environment

- ☐ Increase mass transit ridership ☐ Reduce City energy consumption
- ☐ Reduce water consumption

Goal 2: Safe and Secure City of Lauderhill

- ☐ Crime in lower 50% in Broward ☐ Residents feel safe in neighborhood
- ☐ Reduce emergency fatalities

Goal 3: Open Spaces and Active Lifestyle for all ages

- ☐ Increase participation in youth sports ☐ Add new park land and amenities
- ☐ Increase attendance at cultural programs and classes

Goal 4: Growing Local Economy, Employment and Quality of Commercial Areas

- ☐ Increase commercial tax base ☐ Increase employment in Lauderhill businesses
- ☐ Decrease noxious and blighted uses in commercial areas

Goal 5: Quality Housing at all Price Ranges and Attractive Communities

- ☐ Neighborhood signs and active HOAs ☐ Housing & streets improved, litter reduced
- ☐ Increase proportion of single family homes and owner occupied housing

Goal 6: Efficient and Effective City Government, Customer Focused & Values Diversity

- ☐ Improves City efficiency ☐ Increase use of Information Technology
- ☐ Increases residents perception of Lauderhill as an excellent place to live