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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members

FROM: Edward F. Lavallee, City Manager 

RE: Drug Forfeiture Award Program

DATE: June 4, 2020

The Police Department is a participant in a drug forfeiture award program. In this program, where the Department is involved in the investigation of criminal cases, the Department may share in the proceeds of assets forfeited as part of the successful prosecution of those cases. Attached is a request from the Police Department to use some of the assets to acquire a police dog. The dog and trained officer will increase the Department's capability for discovering and investigating illicit drug activity. As part of the request, the Department will purchase a vehicle exclusively dedicated to this function. I have vetted the proposal with the Fleet Manager and Public Works leadership. Their assessment is that the acquisition of the vehicle will not adversely impact the vehicle fleet program. All of the costs associated with the proposal will be paid from the Police forfeiture fund. The forfeiture fund is a restricted account and can only be used for police-related programs. There are adequate funds in the account to fully fund this project. No tax dollars will be used and there is no cost to City's General Fund.

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Attachment