



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THRU: Andy Leisenring, Acting Chief of Police ^{AL 331}

FROM: Jason Adams, Police Lieutenant ^{JA}

DATE: April 21, 2022

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Request the Donate Forfeiture Funds to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)

Background:

We are seeking approval of the Mayor and City Council to donate \$5,000 in forfeiture fund monies to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (SPARCC). SPARCC is a non-profit agency that is the only state-certified center for domestic violence and sexual assault services for Sarasota and Desoto Counties. The mission of SPARCC along with serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence is to actively engage in promoting social change through community awareness and education. SPARCC and the Venice Police Department work together frequently to help survivors of domestic and sexual assault and to help educate our community in an effort to thwart future violence.

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Florida Statute 932.7055(5)(c)3 requires

"Any local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs. The local law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program or programs will receive the designated proceeds."

As required by Florida law, Acting Chief Leisenring certifies that this request complies with the provisions of the Florida Contraband and Forfeiture Act.

Requested Action:

City Council approval to donate \$5,000 in forfeiture fund monies to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center.

City Attorney Review:

Risk Management Review: N/A

Funds Availability:

\$15,000 from the Forfeiture Fund are appropriated for FY22.