



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 25, 2022

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Request the Donate Forfeiture Funds to Family Promise of South Sarasota County

Background:

We are seeking approval of the Mayor and City Council to donate \$5,000 in forfeiture fund monies to Family Promise of South Sarasota County. Family Promise of South Sarasota County is a nonprofit organization providing shelter, meals, and wraparound services for homeless families with at least one minor child in their custody in the Venice and South Sarasota County area. According to Family Promise the effects of homelessness on children includes them being 6 times more likely to abuse drugs, 5 times more likely to be victims of sexual and physical dating violence, and being 4 times more likely to misuse prescription pain medication. The donation of forfeiture money to this program would fall in line with drug prevention, crime prevention, and safe neighborhood guidelines as set forth in Florida Statute.

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 Family Promise of South Sarasota County

City Attorney Review:

Risk Management Review: N/A

Funds Availability:

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