

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT **AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO:

Ed Lavallee, City Manage

THRU:

Tom Mattmuller, Chief

FROM:

Eric Hill, Captain

DATE:

August 5, 2019

**MEETING DATE:** August 27, 2019

**SUBJECT: Donate Forfeiture Funds to Project Lifesaver** 

**Background:** The Venice Police Department seeks approval to donate \$5,000 to Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a 501 (C)(3) community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering.

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, Chief Mattmuller 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 Project Lifesaver.

City Attorney Review: Approved

Risk Management Review: N/A

Funds Availability: \$40,000 from the Forfeiture Fund are appropriated for FY19.