



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Matthew Morton, City Manager

THRU: Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

DATE: May 15, 2025

RE: Consideration of expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund for various items (\$8,500).

SUMMARY:

In accordance with Florida law, funding in the amount of \$8,500 is being requested from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) designated fund balance for fiscal year 2024/2025 for donations to private organizations.

Rotary Club Student Achievement Banquet - \$500

The Police Department is requesting use of LETf to be donated to the Rotary Club of Palm Bay to use towards the community services that they provide to individuals, other charitable organizations, and schools within Palm Bay. The Rotary Club of Palm Bay, founded in 1976, enlists business and professional leaders dedicated to carrying out the Rotary International vision of "Service Above Self". The Police Department is seeking to assist the Rotary Club's Student Awards Program. This program acknowledges outstanding achievements of students who attend each of the 22 south Brevard area schools which serve the Palm Bay community. Having these achievements recognized and supported by community leaders promotes a sense of belonging in the community, fosters a positive attitude, and reinforces continued success. The \$500 donation will go towards operational costs for the event.

Brevard Veterans Coalition - \$1,000

The Police Department is requesting monies from the LETf to be donated to the Brevard Veterans Coalition for their Veterans Assistance Program. The Brevard Coalition is a non-profit organization that was founded to aid and mentoring to local veterans. The Veterans Assistance Program hosts monthly events providing a hot meal and educational presentations and resources to veterans across a variety of topics to include mental health, financial planning and more. The Coalition also focuses on building relationships within the community to facilitate additional resources and referral to social services for veterans.

Community Read and Feed Summer Program, Powell-Driskell Subdivision – \$7,000

The Police Department is requesting use of LETF to be donated to Community Read and Feed Summer program within the Powell-Driskell subdivision. For many years, the Police Department has supported the subdivision with funding for various youth initiatives including the Community Read and Feed Program. The summer program will be hosted at various locations impacting children and young adults aged 3 to 19 years of age. The Community Read and Feed provides hot prepared meals, meal packages, books and reading assistance to the underprivileged youth; some of which come from households struggling with food shortages. This year's program will include free hot lunches, free books, and supplies.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

The requested \$8,500 will be allocated on the next Budget Amendment with the specific accounts listed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve expenditures from LETF as described herein

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LETF Certification Statement