

20. Consideration of expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund to equip sworn officers with enhanced public safety equipment (\$172,100).



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Suzanne Sherman, City Manager
THRU:	Mariano Augello, Chief of Police
DATE:	April 4, 2024
RE:	Consideration of expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund to equip sworn officers with enhanced public safety equipment (\$172,100).

SUMMARY:

As part of the Police Department's continuous effort to address new officer safety measures, the department is requesting funding to outfit all sworn personnel with mounted red dot aiming sights for their handguns. The red dot sights allow easier target recognition and enhance tactical advancement for officers during critical incidents. These aiming sights have proven effective during officer involved shootings where officers can assess and neutralize threats from safer distances. In order to outfit all sworn personnel with the new sights, the Police Department will switch to Glock 24s for the standard issued firearm which will now be outfitted with the red dot sight and required hardware.

For full implementation of this conversion is estimated to cost approximately \$172,100 broken down into \$136,920 for new Glock 45 handguns, \$10,350 for the red dot sights and hardware, and \$24,830 for the holsters sized to fit the handgun and accessory. Of note, the department will have approximately 168 currently issued handguns available for trade in that will result in a credit to reduce this overall expenditure, however the specific fiscal impact will not be known until a solicitation is awarded to a vendor. Unspent funds from this request due to the value of trade ins are anticipated to roll back to their original funding source upon completion of the purchase.

The Police Department is therefore requesting \$86,050 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance as well as approval to allocate \$86,050 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to provide the new aiming sights, handguns, and required accessories to all sworn personnel. Moving forward personnel requests for new FTE sworn positions will include this equipment as part of the new hire on-boarding expenditures.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$172,100 will be appropriated on the next available Budget Amendment from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance G/L# 001-0000-392-1001 (\$86,050) and LETF Undesignated Fund Balance G/L# 101-0000-392-1001 towards handgun and aiming sights expenditures allocated to G/L# 001-5011-521-5206 (\$86,050) and G/L# 101-5040-521-5206 (\$86,050). There is a designated fund balance of \$167,718.35 as of March 21, 2024, from account #101-0000-359-1002 and 101-0000-359-1004.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the Police Department's request for funding totaling \$172,100 from the General Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund towards a full implementation of mounted red dot aiming sights, handguns, and accessories for sworn department personnel.


ATTACHMENTS:

1. LETF Certification Statement 24-02



CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mariano Augello, Police Chief 

DATE: March 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LEFT) Forfeiture Expenditures

I certify that the request for the use of the Law Enforcement Trust funds will be used for an authorized purpose pursuant to the provisions of Section 932.7055 of the Florida Statutes.

The following details the usage of the requested expenditures:

VENDOR/ORGANIZATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST
TBD	Glock 45 MOS Packages	Unknown
TBD	Holosun 509-T aiming sights	Unknown
TBD	Mounting Plates for 509-T	Unknown
TBD	Ameriglo GLOO Tall Sight Set	Unknown
TBD	Glock 45 Holsters	Unknown
TOTAL		\$172,100