

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 24, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police: Appropriate and allocate \$25,000 of asset forfeiture funds to the Special Program account**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 in earned interest from the Asset Forfeiture Special Program account to fund the ongoing operation of the Vice & Narcotics special programs.

**Funding:**

Asset Forfeiture Special Program Account (Project 2901022).

**BACKGROUND**

The Police Department has several special purpose Asset Forfeiture accounts which were established by Council in the 1990s. The appropriated funds in the Special Program account have been depleted through normal use and are in need of replenishment.

**ANALYSIS**

Occasionally, events occur which require the acquisition of new equipment or supplies or the funding of special investigations. Regardless of the amount of the expenditure, under the old asset forfeiture spending procedures it was necessary that a Council agenda item be prepared in order to request an appropriation to purchase the item or fund the investigation.

At the time that Council approved of the concept and creation of an Asset Forfeiture Special Program account, \$500,000 in seed money was appropriated, and the account was established with the intent that it would self-fund through accrued

interest. The most recent appropriation of Special Program funds was \$25,000 on February 3, 2004. The appropriated funds from the interest in the account are again in need of replenishment, and the Department is recommending that \$25,000 be appropriated and allocated in order to fund ongoing special programs. The funds will be used to purchase and install emergency lighting and radio in the Intelligence Sergeant's undercover vehicle, purchase special-order bullet-resistant vests for undercover Officers, and purchase computer equipment for the Intelligence Section and the Detective assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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CONCUR:

  
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City Manager