



Finance Committee

Use of Asset Forfeiture Funds

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the expenditure of \$10,734.24 for firearms accessories from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the expenditure of \$10,734.24 for firearms accessories from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

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Background and Analysis:

The Olympia Police Department completed a large asset forfeiture process in late 2001, following criminal convictions in a homicide case. The net proceeds, \$369,247, were placed in the Special Accounts Control Fund, Seizure and Forfeiture Account ("Asset Forfeiture Fund"). By statute, money seized and/or forfeited as a result of criminal behavior must be used "exclusively for the expansion and improvement of law enforcement activities," and the funds may not be used to supplant pre-existing funding sources (RCW 10.105.010).

When the Asset Forfeiture Fund was established in 2002, Council determined that the primary

purposes for its use were to invest in employees by providing them with special training and educational opportunities and to fund one-time expenditures for equipment.

The Department took an opportunity to take advantage of a special exchange program to replace all of our duty weapons at no cost to the Department when replacement was needed in 2011. The only expense incurred was for firearms accessories, such as holsters and sights.

The company failed to bill the Department until December 2016. The Department is requesting that the current Finance Committee approve the expenditure from the Asset Forfeiture Fund given the long period that has passed between the original approval and the current billing.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

The Committee may choose to not approve the expenditure from the Asset Forfeiture fund in which case the expense will be taken from the Police Department's 2017 operating budget.

Financial Impact:

\$10,724.24

Attachments:

Staff report from May 10, 2011, Finance Committee meeting