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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
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From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: Use of Asset Forfeiture Funds

Executive Summary

The Police Department proposes to use Asset Forfeiture Funds to supplement its General Fund training budget. The total cost of supplementing the funds for training is \$25,000.

Recommendation

The Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the use of Asset Forfeiture Funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to supplement the General Fund training budget.

Background

The Durham Police Department currently has 631 authorized positions, and many of these positions have to receive annual training in order to maintain their certifications as required by NC Judicial training and Standards. In addition, the Training funds support the career development of sworn and non-sworn Durham Police employees. The Durham Police Department's training fund is also used for all travel by sworn and non-sworn police employees for such matters as non-local schools, conferences, out of state follow-up by investigators for major crimes such as homicides and police cadet recruiting trips.

Issues/Analysis

The maintaining of certifications and furtherance of sworn and non-sworn employees' career development is integral in the Department's ability to serve the Durham Community. The Training budget also funds necessary city-related travel.

Alternatives

There are currently no other funding sources available to supplement the Training budget. The only alternative would be to halt training, certifications and police related travel until such time alternative training funds can be pursued.

Financial Impact

The City's resources will not be impacted because the Department will use its Federal and/or State Asset forfeiture Funds to make the proposed purchases. The Department receives both State and Federal forfeitures funds from government agencies as a result of assets seized during drug arrests/investigations.

SDBE Summary

This is a request to use funds for the purposes indicated. The Purchasing Department will follow SDBE guidelines and proper procurement procedures in making the actual purchases.