

Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Bob Vitas, City Manager
FROM: Chief Donald Lee
DATE: September 16, 2013
RE: Exec. Summary- State Forfeiture grant to MCC

Action

The Key West Police Department intends to donate \$5,000.00 from State Forfeiture Funds to The Monroe County Coalition Inc.. This request complies with the requirements of Florida Statute section 932.7055. The donation may help The Monroe Coalition Inc.(MCC) offset operational expenditures, professional services, replacement and repair of failing I.T Equipment (some of which were donated) as well as providing additional prevention of underage drinking programs and services not covered by our current grants.

Background

Since its inception, The Monroe County Coalition Inc., a not for profit 501 © (3), and the Key West Police Department have mutually benefited from a shared goal of preventing underage drinking and keeping our kids safe. Law enforcement's increased DUI patrols have reflected a 50% decrease of alcohol related crashes amongst 18-20 year olds. Additional outcomes include an overall reduction in alcohol related crashes of all ages. MCC's collaboration with Monroe County Schools has successfully increased school policies which now include alcohol and drug testing and increasing high visibility law enforcement at Key West High School, has resulted in a reduction of alcohol and drug incidents at school events and dances. Throughout this process, MCC and its partner organizations have established a strong systematic approach to understanding and responding to substance abuse issues. While these efforts have resulted in these reductions, the 2012 Florida Youth Substance Abuse survey reflects Monroe County still leads the state in underage substance abuse.

The Monroe County Coalition has been successful in obtaining both federal and state grants to continue these efforts. Over the last several years the Key West Police Department has been the recipient of these grants to allow for dedicated officers to patrol for underage drinking and driving.

Financial Impact

The funds used for this grant will be taken out of the State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund.



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