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Denise O'Donnell  
Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance  
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Washington, DC 20531

Dear Ms O'Donnell

Please find below answers to all 11 elements contained on the controlled Expenditures Justification Template.

1. The Key West Police Department was created under section 1.02 of that Charter, which reads: "The City of Key West is hereby authorized to exercise its police powers and jurisdiction extending six hundred (600) feet into the tidal waters adjacent to its corporate limits as herein established; provided, however, that the exercise of such police powers and jurisdiction beyond the corporate limits of the city shall extend only to the abatement of nuisances, the enforcement of sanitary laws and regulations, the regulation of zoning, and the suppression of crime." Article II, Section 2.01 of the City Charter describes the territorial boundaries of the City of Key West. With the incorporation of the City of Key West, the Key West Police Department was created to protect and serve the citizens and visitors of Key West, by carrying out the mission of enforcing the laws of the State of Florida and ordinances enacted by the City. Although its basic purpose has not changed, with the ever growing popularity of our island over the years as a tourist destination, today the Key West Police Department utilizes an array of community oriented programs, specialty units, and resources, all which are necessary for 21st century law enforcement.

The Key West Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency, which provides continuous law enforcement response to emergencies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Key West, Florida. The Key West Police Department consists of 98 sworn and 21 non-sworn employees which performs all law enforcement functions within the jurisdiction of the City of Key West, Fl.

2. The Remington 870 Shotguns being purchased are a standard issue firearm used by SWAT/SRT teams nationwide. SRT teams carry a variety of weapons that are generally found in most other law enforcement and counterterrorist tactical teams to include MP5/10 submachine guns, M4 carbines, Glock .45 caliber pistols along with the 870 12 gauge shotgun. The shotgun is used to



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support the high risk operations of these teams such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, warrant service, homeland security operations and fugitive apprehension. The Remington 870 shotgun is used for the delivery of both lethal and non-lethal munitions such as gas, ferret rounds, and bean bag rounds when their use is appropriate.

3. There are currently 4 Remington 870 tactical shotguns in the SRT team weapons inventory.
4. We have no other controlled equipment that was acquired through Federal programs in the past three years.
5. The requested controlled equipment cannot be reasonably accessed through loans or mutual assistance or mutual aid agreements.
6. The Key West Police Department certifies that it has in place specific written policies and protocols governing general Policing Standards and Specific Controlled Equipment Standards relating to the use of weapons by the SRT Team. The Key West Police Department is also a fully accredited police agency by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.
7. The Key West Police Department certifies that all members of the Key West Police Department's SRT Team must undergo and successfully complete 80 hours of basic SRT/SWAT School and undergo monthly rigorous training which includes the firing and qualifying with all their weapons including the shotguns to be purchased with this grant.
8. Evidence of our civilian governing body's review and approval or concurrence of the requesting agency's acquisition of the requested controlled equipment will be provided in the form of a City Commission resolution as soon as possible that will also satisfy the public review requirement.
9. The Key West Police Department has not applied, nor has a pending application for this type of controlled equipment from any other Federal agency in the current fiscal year.
10. The Key West Police Department has not been denied, nor has made, any prior application for controlled equipment by a Federal agency in the past three years.
11. The Key West Police Department has not been found to be in violation of a Federal civil rights statute or programmatic term during the past three years.



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