Chief of Police

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee, Jr., Chief of Police

DATE: 7-27-10

RE: Executive Summary-The Keys Center Academy

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department intends to issue a \$500.00 grant from State Forfeiture Funds to The Keys Center Academy. This donation is specifically to assist this organization in their efforts to help support the counseling component of the Keys Center program. This request complies with the requirements of Florida Statute section 932.7055.

Background

The Keys Center Academy (formerly known as PACE) is a voluntary alternative education and counseling program intended to meet the individual needs of some of Key West's most challenged students. It is designed to actively and positively intervene with students who contend with multiple school and life issues that are in jeopardy of failing to cope with those issues. The Keys Center Academy received a grant last year in the amount of \$2,500 from the KWPD Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Advantages and Disadvantages

The Key West Police Department works diligently to positively impact our youth. This program focuses on reducing juvenile delinquency and crime through early intervention for students who have been identified as atrisk of becoming involved in the Juvenile Justice System. The program targets middle and high school students, which makes the program's mission and the mission of the Key West Police Department very similar. There are no disadvantages.

Financial Impact

The funds used for this pledge will be taken out of the Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund, specifically State Forfeitures. There will be no impact on the City Budget.



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