



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 7, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso  
City Manager

From: Sean T. Brandenburg  
Chief of Police

Subject: **File ID: 26-5320. Authorize a donation of \$2,400.00 from State Forfeiture Funds to the Conch Republic Marine Army**

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### **Introduction**

The Key West Police Department is requesting authorization to donate \$2,400.00 from State Forfeiture Funds to the Conch Republic Marine Army (CRMA). This donation will assist CRMA with providing two student cleanup trips focused on restoring the mangrove islands and near-shore waters around Key West.

### **Background**

This funding will cover the purchase of safety equipment, cleanup supplies, and the coordination of support needed to safely transport the students out onto the near-shore waters. The cleanups will not only remove debris from sensitive mangrove habitats but will also help prevent future illegal dumping by increasing visibility, community engagement, and environmental awareness among young students. The goal is to provide these students with a meaningful, educational, and community-building experience while continuing the mission to keep our near-shore waters safe and clean.

The Key West Police Department believes this donation meets the requirements of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act listed below:

*Florida Statute 932.7055(5)(c)3, any local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs. The local law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program, or programs will receive the designated proceeds.*

### **Procurement**

The requested funds are available in the Key West Police Department's State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund account 172-2111-521-8200.

### **Recommendation**

The Key West Police Department recommends the approval of this \$2,400.00 donation to continue our efforts to support our community.