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Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Bob Vitas, City Manager

FROM: Chief Donald Lee

DATE: November 19, 2013

RE: Exec. Summary- KWPD Explorer Program

Action

The Key West Police Department requests approval to expend up to \$7,000.00 from State Forfeiture Funds to pay for uniforms, equipment and registration fees for the Key West Police Explorer Program. This request complies with the requirements of Florida Statute section 932.7055.

Background

For many years the Key West Police Department sponsored a police explorer program at Key West High School. In 2008, the Department terminated the explorer program due to budgetary cuts. During this year's budget preparations, we sought approval and budgeted the necessary overtime to reinstate the explorer program at Key West High School.

The mission of the explorer program is to bridge the gap between youth and police by educating and involving them in police operations and to interest them in Law Enforcement. Over the years we have had a number of Explorers go on to become police officers with our department.

The program furthers each Explorer's education, encourages the Explorer's participation in a rewarding and productive service activity, and enhances the Explorer's preparation for future roles as citizens and community members. Besides gaining a working knowledge of police work, the participants have the opportunity to give of themselves to their community.

Financial Impact

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

Recommendation

Approve the use of up to \$7,000 from State Forfeiture funds to pay for costs of the program.



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