**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM**: Chief Donald Lee

**DATE:** April 13, 2017

**RE:** State Forfeiture grant to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church-STEP

## **Action:**

The Key West Police Department intends to donate \$500.00 from State Forfeiture Funds to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church to be used for facilitating the Success Through Empowerment Program (STEP). This request complies with the requirements of Florida Statute section 932.7055.

## **Background:**

Last year, Rev. Antonio Magwood the pastor of Bethel A.M.E. church implemented and facilitated the STEP in Key West. Rev. Magwood partnered with the Department of Juvenile Justice and many other local agencies in the criminal justice system to assist local juvenile offenders and drug court offenders. The program empowers the juveniles by teaching positive decision making and life skills development which will help reduce recidivism.

## **Financial Impact:**

The request funds have been budgeted in the departments State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund.

## **Recommendation:**

Approve the request to donate \$500.00.



