

RESOLUTION No. 2009-193-1139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) TO BE USED BY THE MIAMI GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT TEAM (CET); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance #2008-18-154 and the Florida Contraband Act, the City of Miami Gardens established a Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF), and

WHEREAS, the City is able to expend funds from the LETF for crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education, and preventive programs, or for other specific law enforcement purposes, not covered by the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Police Department, is seeking authorization from the City council to expend the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the LETF to purchase laptop computers for the newly formed Community Enrichment Team being funded through the Community Oriented Policing Program Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Community Enrichment Team (CET) will be responsible for proactively addressing public safety issues including crime, public nuisance, social disorder and fear of crime within the City of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, the Community Enrichment Team will be able to use laptops in order to fulfill its responsibilities, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

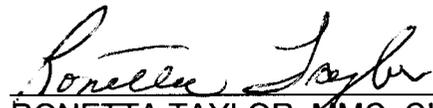
Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the expenditure of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to be used by the Miami Gardens Police Department Community Enrichment Team.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2009.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Pritchett
SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

Council Meeting Date:	<i>October 14, 2009</i>		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
				X			
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
	X			Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source:	Law Enforcement Trust Fund		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:				
		X					
Sponsor Name	Dr. Danny O. Crew		Department:	<i>Police Department</i>			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

The Miami Gardens Police Department - Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) was established via City Council Resolution as a depository for monies seized as contraband and from the resulting sale of articles seized as a result of qualified criminal activity. Pursuant to Ordinance 2008-18-154 and the Florida Contraband Act, such funds shall be used for crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or for other specific law enforcement purposes not covered by the General Fund. The Miami Gardens Police Department is seeking authorization from the City Council to expend \$15,000 from the LETF to purchase laptop computers for the newly formed Community Enrichment Team being funded from the Community Oriented Policing Program Grant.

The Community Enrichment Team (CET) will be responsible for proactively addressing the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, public nuisance, social disorder and fear of crime within the City of Miami Gardens. CET Officers will coordinate their efforts with the Code Enforcement, Criminal Investigations and Operations Divisions to address violations of city ordinances, local, state and federal laws within the City of Miami Gardens Jurisdiction. The use of laptop computers will be an invaluable resource to the officers of CET.

**ITEM J-14) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Expenditure from the LETF**

In an effort to further reduce crime, improve community relations and enhance quality of life conditions, CET Officers will place an emphasis on community policing techniques as well as Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Projects. These projects are designed to impact unique or repetitive issues by implementing specific strategies to target the problem. This form of community policing will allow the Department to actively work with others to understand and address the issues that lead to crime within our city and take preventive measures. Without access to computers, the officers assigned to this specialized crime prevention unit will not have the technical tools that are necessary to carry out the mission of the unit. Funding from the General Fund has been utilized for other capital purchases related to this implementation. This resolution will assist the Department in fully equipping these officers and offsetting the initial startup costs.

Proposed Action:

That the City Council accept the resolution to allot \$15,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to be used by Miami Gardens Police Department – Community Enforcement Team pursuant to Ordinance 2008-18-154 and the Florida Contraband Act.

Attachment:

Police Chief Recommendation Memo