



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#14-0079

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2014

TITLE: Motion to Approve Use of Federal Law Enforcement Trust Funds to Staff the
Police Department's Predictive Policing Initiative - \$200,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the Police Department's funding of a non-budgeted, first-of-a-kind predictive policing project to reduce criminal activity in the City's high-crime areas. Funding is requested in the amount of \$200,000 utilizing Federal Law Enforcement Trust Funds.

Background

One of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's top priorities is crime reduction. In our efforts to enhance our ability to reduce crime, our police department is utilizing the predictive policing strategy; a new, innovative approach to reducing crime, and its success has gained national attention.

Predictive Policing principals stress gathering intelligence information of active criminal offenders, current and historic crime trends, informants and any other data sources that assist in calculating the level of risk that crime will occur in specific areas. Once the information is gathered, the objective is to take action to prevent crime and/or apprehend offenders. This strategy has not been used in the past and is now available due to the recent partnership with IBM, Inc.

Over the last 12 months, IBM has worked closely with Police Department staff to develop a crime analysis application with a predictive policing module. This module analyses numerous data sources including Part 1 crime records, arrest data, special event information and more to identify areas of the City with higher risks of criminal activity by day and hour.

The proposed first-of-a-kind predictive policing strategy calls for the command staff to review on a daily basis the IBM computer system's reports, crime trend analysis and real-time intelligence collected by officers and detectives. Actionable intelligence will be disseminated appropriately.

Significant to the success of this strategy is the designation of resources to readily act on gathered information. Currently, there is an 8% increase of Part 1 crime in Commission District One and a 2% increase in Commission District Four. In order to utilize the predictive strategy to reduce crime in the high crime areas, a task force of uniform officers and investigators will be formed and deployed in the targeted areas. The task force, which will supplement the Police Department's daily operations, will be staffed on an overtime basis and funded from the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000. Funding is available in the FY 2014 budget in Fund 107, Subfund 01, POL080101, Sub-Object 6499 (Other Equipment) and will be transferred within the same Fund and Subfund to Sub-Object 1501 overtime.

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Available:							
FUND	SUBFUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
107	01	D.E.A CONFISCATED PROPERTY	POL080101	JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE	6499	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$200,000.00
TOTAL:							\$200,000.00
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107	01	D.E.A CONFISCATED PROPERTY	POL080101	JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE	1501	OVERTIME	\$200,000.00
TOTAL:							\$200,000.00

Strategic Connections

1. This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.
2. This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:
 - Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
 - Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.
 - Initiative 1: Continue to implement the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.
3. This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

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