



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE OF \$159,606.46 IN FORFEITURE FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North Port Police Department ("NPPD") is a law enforcement agency that serves and protects the community and the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 932.7055, the proceeds of property seized by NPPD are deposited in a special law enforcement trust fund ("forfeiture funds"); and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 932.7055 allows the use of forfeiture funds for certain purposes, including but not limited to crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or other certain law enforcement purposes, provided that the City Commission grants authorization for the expenditure; and

WHEREAS, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) will be allocated to providing community shirts for National Night Out and other community crime prevention events; and

WHEREAS, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in forfeiture funds will be allocated to the Florida FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. (FBINAA), a non-profit organization of 16,000+ senior law enforcement professionals dedicated to providing our communities, states, countries, and profession with the highest degree of law enforcement expertise, training, education and information; and

WHEREAS, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) will be allocated to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) which strives to build awareness and education for safer neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) will be allocated to Teen Court of Sarasota, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a second chance for at-risk youth and helping teens to make healthy choices through meaningful consequences, peer mentorship, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) will be allocated to the City of North Port Drug-Free Youth (D-Fy) Program which is an initiative for area youth in grades 6 through 12 to commit to making positive choices and living a healthy, drug-free life; and

WHEREAS, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) will be allocated to Child Protection Services which serves the community in assisting families working to stay safely together or be reunited, foster care placement, assisting youth and young adults transitioning from foster care to independence, and adoption services; and

WHEREAS, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be allocated to the Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse, a non-profit organization that advocates for substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery in Sarasota County through collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be allocated to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a non-profit organization focused on ending drunk driving, fighting drugged driving, and educating the next generation of drivers; and

WHEREAS, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be allocated to the Imagine at North Port Young Marines, a branch of the national youth program for boys and girls, ages eight through high school, focused on leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, one hundred eighteen thousand six hundred six dollars and forty-six cents (\$118,606.46) will be used allocated for additional law enforcement equipment, to include new expenses for law enforcement purposes and shall not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the North Port Police Department.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida finds that this resolution serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The Chief of Police has presented his written certification, attached as Exhibit “A,” that the use of forfeiture funds pursuant to this resolution is in compliance with Florida Statutes Section 932.7055(5).

2.02 The City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida finds that the requested use of forfeiture funds by the Chief of Police are for an appropriate law enforcement purpose.

2.03 The City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida finds that the requested use of forfeiture funds by the Chief of Police complies with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 932.7055(5), in that the funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the NPPD and will instead further crime prevention, safe neighborhood, and/or drug abuse prevention.

- 2.04 The City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida authorizes the expenditure of one hundred fifty-nine thousand six hundred six dollars and forty-six cents (\$159, 606.46) from the forfeiture fund for the purpose of drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, and for new and additional law enforcement equipment.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

- 4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

- 5.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on _____, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

PHIL STOKES
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

MICHAEL GOLEN, CPM
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY



Todd R. Garrison
CHIEF OF POLICE

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CERTIFICATION FOR USE OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

As the Chief of Police for the City of North Port Police Department, I formally request approval for the use of \$159,606.46 in seized funds acquired during the fiscal year from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, in accordance with the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

According to Florida Statute §932.7055(5)(c)(3), no less than 25 percent of funds acquired pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act must support or operate programs related to drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhoods, or school resource officer programs. The local law enforcement agency is granted discretion to select which programs will benefit from these funds. The planned disbursements totaling \$40,000.00, to satisfy the requirements of Florida Statute §932.7055(5)(C)(3), are listed below:

- Safe Neighborhood/Crime Prevention Community Shirts/National Night Out: \$20,000.00
- Florida FBINAA: \$2,000.00
- NAACP Event: \$2,500.00
- Teen Court: \$5,000.00
- Drug Free Youth Program: \$2,000.00
- Child Protection Team: \$5,000.00
- Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse: \$1,500.00
- MADD: \$1,500.00
- Imagine at North Port Young Marines: \$1,500.00

The remaining amount of \$118,606.46 will be allocated for the acquisition of the following equipment:

- Cyber/Digital Equipment: \$21,000.00
- Photo/Media: \$8,500.00
- John Boats (2): \$22,300.00
- Motor Leasing: \$5,406.00
- Motor Equipment: \$31,000
- ERT Chemicals: \$7,800.00
- ERT Trailer: \$9,200.00
- Motor Trailer: \$7,900.00
- Active Board (Admin): \$5,500.00

I hereby certify that the use of forfeiture funds for the above-stated purposes complies with the provisions outlined in Florida Statutes §932.7055(5). These funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the North Port Police Department and will instead further crime prevention, safe neighborhood, and drug abuse prevention.

Todd R. Garrison, Chief of Police