



City Council Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Item No.

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Subject: The approval of a budget to use the asset forfeiture fund to purchase equipment for the Buda Police Department.

1. Background/History

The Buda Police Department occasionally receives forfeiture funds that are a result of seizure of cash or assets that are proceeds of illegal activity. After forfeiture hearings and final disposition of property, an attorney for the state returns a percentage of the fund to the submitting agency. Forfeiture funds are awarded to the law enforcement agency and are to be used for law enforcement purposes only. In order to spend the funds, the law enforcement agency (Chief of Police) is required to submit a budget for forfeiture funds expenditures to the governing body (City Council).

2. Findings/Current Activity

The Buda Police Department has filed three forfeiture cases that have been disposed of and awarded. There is currently \$13,574.63 in the forfeiture fund account. The Police Department would like to purchase optics for each patrol rifle utilized by the Police Department. Good optics on a rifle significantly improves accuracy and raises confidence of the officer. The cost of outfitting all current patrol rifles is \$4,600.20

3. Financial Impact

None

4. Action Options/Recommendation

Staff requests Council approve an expenditure in the amount of \$4,600.20 from the state forfeiture fund for the purchase of optics for police rifles.