



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS

SUMMARY

Request to appropriate Asset Seizure funds received from federal and state agencies in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Asset Seizure allocations are restricted for law enforcement purposes to supplement and enhance, not supplant, appropriated recipient agency resources.

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate receipt and use of Asset Seizure funds received in Fiscal Year 2021-22 and authorize necessary budget adjustments.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Public Safety
- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City must use Asset Seizure funds to supplement and enhance law enforcement efforts but cannot use funds to supplant police department appropriated resources. The City periodically receives asset seizure money throughout the fiscal year and then appropriates and makes budget adjustments to effectuate receipt and use of funds within federal and state guidelines.

DISCUSSION

Asset Seizure Funds come from Fullerton Police Department narcotics seizures, often in cooperation with federal agents, processed through and shared with federal or state agencies. These funds provide important additional resources for the Police Department

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Equitable Sharing Guide governs the use of Asset Seizure funds. The City must expend funds in compliance with state and City of Fullerton purchasing guidelines and policies. The City reports all asset seizure funds received and expended to the DOJ at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

The City receives Asset Seizure funds from federal agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency on an irregular basis. The amounts received may vary year to year depending on closeout of cases and timing of disbursements. Over the last four years, the Police Department has received an average of \$370,000 in Asset Seizure funds annually. The City has received \$230,301 to date and anticipates receiving upwards of \$1.0 million in FY 2021-22.