



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Investigative Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of Asset Forfeiture Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appropriate \$20,000 in the Fiscal Year 2015 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture Fund from available reserves into the Investigative Divisions Special Investigative Account (SIF).

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department's Investigative Division maintains "buy money", which is held in safekeeping, and is referred to as the Investigative Divisions Special Investigative Fund (SIF). The SIF account is used exclusively to purchase evidence, narcotics/intelligence information and to pay informants. Cash disbursements from the SIF are spontaneous and unpredictable and cannot be budgeted. Department policy allows expenditure from the SIF account to a maximum of \$150,000 depending on investigative needs.

The SIF last received court ordered forfeiture (non-drug related) funds in 2012 totaling \$18,451. Additional funding is now required.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The City's General Fund Budget is not affected by this request. These funds will be placed in safekeeping and expended as described above.

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