



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 4, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Investigative Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation Of Asset Forfeiture Funds For The Purchase Of Equipment For Narcotics Enforcement

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council appropriate \$20,000 in the Fiscal Year 2017 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund that is available from asset forfeiture reserves for the purchase of equipment for narcotics enforcement.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Police Department uses nondescript vehicles as a tool in assisting in narcotics enforcement. One of the vehicles needs replacing due to mechanical failure. The estimated cost of a replacement vehicle is \$20,000. The Fire Department will use the old vehicle in their training.

The law permits law enforcement agencies to use the proceeds of asset forfeitures to purchase safe, more effective, equipment that they otherwise could not afford. The Police Department seeks to utilize asset forfeiture funds to purchase a necessary surveillance vehicle.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund has sufficient reserve funds available for this purchase. No General Fund monies will be used in this purchase.

**PREPARED BY:** Alex Altavilla, Police Captain/LSP

**SUBMITTED BY:** Lori Luhnnow, Chief of Police

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office