

St. Petersburg City Council

Consent Agenda
Meeting of June 18, 2009

TO: The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution approving a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023) to pay monetary awards to citizens for tips pertaining to the Illegal Gun Bounty Program ("IGBP"); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The Administration has requested an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023) to offer tip rewards of \$1,000 for any firearm and \$1,500 cash award for assault rifles to citizens who provide anonymous information that leads to the recovery of an illegal weapon, a weapons charge and an arrest.

The IGBP program is a partnership between the City of St Petersburg Police Department, and the Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc. Citizens will have 3 options to provide tip information anonymously; to call a designated tip line, via a designated website, or to text to a designated cell phone line. If the information provided leads to an arrest, confiscation of an illegal weapon, and a weapons charge the tipster will receive a cash award of \$1,000 for any weapon and \$ 1,500.00 for an assault rifle. All rewards and tips will be handled within the policy and procedures of the Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc. and its Board of Directors. Both the Cities of Jacksonville, Florida and Orlando, Florida have implemented the IGBP program.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution approving a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023) to pay monetary awards to citizens for criminal tips pertaining to the Illegal Gun Bounty Program; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: Funds for the citizen monetary awards for the Illegal Gun Bounty Program will be available after approval of the requested supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023), to the Police Department (140-2857).

Approvals:

Administration: _____



Budget: _____



Resolution No. 2009-_____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (1023) TO PAY MONETARY AWARDS TO CITIZENS FOR CRIMINAL TIPS PERTAINING TO THE ILLEGAL GUN BOUNTY PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Administration has requested an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Department for the Illegal Gun Bounty Program (“IGBP”) to offer a tip award of \$1,000 for any weapon and \$1,500 for assault rifles as a cash award to a citizen who provides anonymous information on a crime or suspicious activity that leads to recovery of an illegal weapon, an arrest and a weapons charge; and

WHEREAS, the IGBP program is a partnership between the City of St. Petersburg Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc; and

WHEREAS, citizens will have the option to call an established Crime Stoppers of Pinellas, Inc. number anonymously, provide tips via a website, or text a tip to a dedicated cell phone number to provide law enforcement tips on a crime or suspicious activity. If the information provided leads to an arrest, confiscation of an illegal weapon, and a weapons charge a cash award will result;

WHEREAS, citizens who meet those three requirements for an award, as determined by Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc. and its Board of Directors, are eligible for a reward of \$1,000 for any weapon and \$1,500 for an assault rifle. All rewards and tips will be handled within the policy and procedures of Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that there is hereby approved from the unappropriated balance of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023), the following supplemental appropriation for FY 2009:


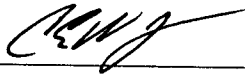
<u>Law Enforcement Trust Fund (1023)</u>	
Police Department (1402857)	\$100,000

;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to executed all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal:  Administration: 

Budget:  Denise M. Fabian for T. Finch

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