



St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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St. Petersburg Police Department Forfeiture Fund Award Program

The St. Petersburg Police Department is pleased to announce its nineteenth Annual Forfeiture Fund Award Program.

This program is funded by proceeds obtained through the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act. The Act provides for the expenditure of a percentage of the forfeited proceeds for:

1. Crime Prevention
2. Neighborhood Safety
3. Drug Abuse Education
4. Drug Prevention, or
5. School Resource Officer Program

Important dates:

July 15, 2011 - Applications available.

August 17, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - Instructional Meeting to discuss award program and application form/procedure in City Council Chambers.

September 23, 2011 - Applications due at Police Department by 5:00 PM.

Grant applications are also available at the following locations:

1. Police Department Information Desk
2. Mayor's Action Center at City Hall
3. Police Community Resource Centers

The application package is also available on the City's Web Site at:

<http://www.stpete.org> or the Police Department Web Site at <http://www.stpete.org/police/>.

The purpose of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act donation of funds is to provide support to neighborhood agencies and organizations engaged in projects that seek to improve neighborhood safety, promote crime prevention, drug prevention, drug education and/or the delivery of drug treatment services. This is accomplished by offering funding to neighborhood groups, associations, or organizations which have developed specific projects to address these areas of concern.

In 2008, 23 programs were funded for a total award of \$27,007. In 2009, 41 programs were funded for a total award of \$40,826. In 2010, 40 programs were funded for a total award of \$39,986.12.



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Applications must be received by the Police Department by 5:00 P.M., September 23, 2011. Applications received after 5:00 PM will not be considered for funding.

The Funding Approval Committee, comprised of members of the Police Department and the Community/Police Council, will meet to review applications that meet the minimum eligibility criteria as outlined in the application. Generally, it is anticipated that grants will not exceed \$1,500.00 per organization.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A meeting will be held for all applicants to discuss the award program, the application form and procedure and for a question and answer period. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 175 - 5th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. All applicants are encouraged to attend prior to submitting an application.

For further information call the Police Department's Legal Division at 892-5427.

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