



Eustis Police Department

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Administrative Services Division

TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager
Craig Capri, Chief of Police

DATE: May 15th, 2025

RE: Resolution Number 25-33

Introduction:

The purpose of this staff report is to request City Commission approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Eustis Police Department's Forfeiture Fund. These funds will be used for both law enforcement-related and community engagement purposes, in compliance with the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act. These proposed uses are consistent with statutory guidelines and reflect the Department's dedication to both public safety and proactive community engagement. The youth sports donations promote goodwill and community trust, while the smartboard investment will enhance investigative capabilities and interdepartmental communication.

Background:

The City of Eustis maintains a forfeiture fund comprised of assets seized and forfeited as a result of criminal activity, in accordance with Florida Statutes Sections 932.701–932.7062. These funds may be used for law enforcement operations and activities that enhance public safety, crime prevention, and positive community relations.

The Police Department proposes the following expenditures from the Forfeiture Fund:

1. **\$10,000.00** donation to the **Eustis Panthers Youth Football Team** – to support youth sports, foster mentorship, and encourage positive community-police relationships.
 2. **\$1,000.00** donation to the **First Strike Youth Baseball Team** – to assist with youth sports programming that promotes teamwork and community involvement.
 3. **\$6,608.85** for the purchase of an **interactive smartboard** for use by the **Criminal Investigation Division** – to support investigations, presentations, and internal training efforts.
 4. **7,394.15** for additional donations and community events.
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Community Input:

Although there has not been direct community input specifically for this resolution, prior donations made by the Eustis Police Department to youth sports programs and community organizations have been very well received. These initiatives are widely supported by residents and contribute positively to community-police relationships.

Budget/Staff Impact:

A total of \$25,000 will be drawn from the Eustis Police Department's Forfeiture Fund. This action will not affect the City's General Fund or require any additional funding.

Recommendation:

Staff respectfully recommend the Eustis City Commission adopt the attached resolution authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Forfeiture Fund, allocated as outlined above.

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