



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Discussion regarding Forest Park Police Department Accounts – Chief Executive Offices

Submitted By: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper

Date Submitted: June 23, 2022

Work Session Date: July 05, 2022

Council Meeting Date: July 05, 2022

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park Police Department has multiple accounts for cash taken from people who have been targeted in criminal investigations. Once taken through the forfeiture process, if the department is allowed to keep these funds they may be used as supplements to the department's budget.

The City of Forest Park conducted an operational and performance audit with an outside auditor during a period of 2020 – 2021. Per the April 15, 2021, report "year over year, there is a significant amount of unspent funds." And it goes on to further state that "With proactive awareness and active planning, the unspent funds could have been utilized to increase hiring each year, the completion of projects or purchase of equipment for the Police Department and/or E-911 Communications". As of June 3, 2022, there is approximately \$1.2 million dollars in combined funds that can be used by police for training and equipment.

There are several needs of the Forest Park Police Department for equipment and training that these funds should be utilized to address.

Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:

N/A

Action Requested from Council:

City Council Discussion