THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

Subject: Release donated funds earmarked for officer tactical/de-escalation training

Staff Resource(s): Elise Lewis, APD Financial Business Manager

Action Requested: Approval of a budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $20,000 for a private donation to help fund additional non-budgeted tactical de-escalation training for the Asheville Police Department (APD).

Background:

- On September 25, 2020, I spoke with a gentleman who wished to make a private donation from a trust set up in his sister's name (Trina Mullen Fund for Pritchard Park of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina) to help improve officer morale.
- We discussed several possible uses for this money by the Police Department.
- He decided he would like the money to go toward tactical/de-escalation training for the officers, a desire voiced by personnel who attended the listening sessions with local community consultants and staff.
- A donation was recorded on November 2nd in the amount of $20,000. Included with the check was a letter specifying that any portion of the funds not used for the purpose for which it has been approved must be returned to the foundation.
- APD is requesting the ability to use the aforementioned donations to help fund the cost of additional non-budgeted training for our officers.

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- n/a

Pro(s):

- Police officers should demonstrate the highest levels of professionalism, patience, and tolerance, in the execution of their duties.
- To ensure this is done consistently, law enforcement officers need training programs that provide verbal and physical tools to achieve these goals, while simultaneously reducing risk to the officers and those they serve.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no impact to APD's budget, nor a matching requirement for the donation.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $20,000 for private donations to help provide additional, non-budgeted tactical de-escalation training for the Asheville Police Department.

Attachment(s)

- Budget Amendment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $20,000 to accept private donations to help provide additional, non-budgeted tactical de-escalation training for the Asheville Police Department as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Private Donations	$20,000
Total Revenues	$20,000

Appropriations:

Training	$20,000
Total Appropriations	$20,000

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney