THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**STAFF REPORT**

**Council Meeting Date:** November 10, 2020

**Subject:** Budget amendment to establish a budget for Police BCAT (Buncombe County Anti-Crime Task Force) funds already received by the City.

**Staff Resource(s):** Tony McDowell, Finance Department
Elise Lewis, Police Department

**Action Requested:** Adoption of a budget amendment in the amount of $141,208.44 in the Special Revenue Fund to establish an expenditure budget for funds already received by the City.

**Background**:

- The funds are the result of Federal seizures secured as the result of a joint task force with the Buncombe County Sheriff's office.
- In July 2018 the rules changed and Federal seizures could no longer be distributed to task forces (ie. BCAT), but only to the member agencies.
- From that time on, APD began receiving its share of BCAT forfeitures at the Department level.
- There was an agreement forged between the County and APD as to how to disperse the funds in the existing BCAT account of which the County served as the fiduciary.
- There was a percentage agreement reached between the County and APD, and funds were transferred to APD in the amount of $141,208.44.
- APD intends to use a portion of these funds as part of a fire-arm trade in initiative and they are currently working with the Purchasing Division.
- Additionally they plan to have the ability to access these funds for other future initiatives as needed.
- In order to spend the funds that have been received, a budget amendment is required in the City's Special Revenue Fund.

**Council Goal(s):**

- A Financially Resilient City

**Pro(s):**

- Provides expenditure authorization for funding that has already been received by the Asheville Police Department (APD).

**Con(s):**

- None.

**Fiscal Impact**:

- This budget amendment does not include a local match so there is no impact to the City's General Fund budget.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to adopt a budget amendment in the amount of $141,208.44 in the Special Revenue Fund to establish an expenditure budget for funds already received by the City.

**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 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to budget $141,208.44 in BCAT (Buncombe County Anti-Crime Task Force) funds already received by the City in the Special Revenue Fund as follows:

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Revenues:

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|---|---|
| Intergovernmental Revenue | $141,208.44 |
| Total Revenues | $141,208.44 |

Appropriations:

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| Supplies - Other (P1911) | $ 19,679.56 |
| Supplies - Other (P1910) | $121,528.88 |
| Total Appropriations | $141,208.44 |

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

Read, approved and adopted this 10th day of November, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney