RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert D. Spoden, Sheriff INITIATED BY

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Public Safety and Justice Committee SUBMITTED BY



Diane Michaelis DRAFTED BY

February 26, 2018 DATE DRAFTED

Amending the Sheriff's 2018 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for Small Unmanned Aircraft System

WHEREAS, federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies through the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program; and,

WHEREAS, equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement, and it must increase, not supplant the recipient's appropriated operating budget; and,

WHEREAS, for their participation in the program, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$24,290; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase a small unmanned aircraft system.

Account/Description	Budget <u>01/03/18</u>	Increase (Decrease)	Amended <u>Budget</u>
Source of Funds 21-2195-0000-46000 Contributions	\$20,000	\$24,290	\$44,290
Use of Funds 21-2195-0000-67161 Capital Assets \$5,000/More	\$18,335	\$24,290	\$42,625

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Mary Beaver, Chair

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Date

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a transfer in from the Sheriff's FBI Forfeiture account, A/C 00-0000-0070-29637, which has a balance of \$177,099.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2018 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Green/ee Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith County Administrator

Executive Summary Amending the Sheriff's 2018 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for Small Unmanned Aircraft System

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations and deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes. Federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies.

Equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only. The intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement. It must increase, not supplant the recipient's appropriated operating budget.

For their participation in the program, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$24,290. The Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase a small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to help fulfill their public safety mission.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is responsible for 726 square miles. The area is largely rural/farm land with several bodies of water, the cities of Janesville and Beloit, and several smaller municipalities. The Sheriff's Office will use the unmanned aircraft system to search for missing persons, to get aerial views for water rescues, and to take aerial photographs of major accident scenes, outdoor crime scenes, and natural disaster areas. The unmanned aircraft system will give the Sheriff's Office an efficient and effective way to conduct open field searches for outdoor marijuana grows.

Several Deputies have already attended training on unmanned aircraft system programs. The Sheriff's Office has developed policies and proceedures regarding the unmanned aircraft system program.

Per the Purchasing Ordinance, multiple quotations were solicited.