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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gregory S. Taylor, Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Resolution appropriating the sum of \$24,382.76 received from the State of NH as forfeited property, to be utilized by the Police Department in furtherance of Illegal Drug Related Investigations.

Recommendation - Appropriate the sum of \$24,382.76 received from the State of NH as forfeited property stemming from an illegal drug investigation to be utilized by the Police Department in furtherance of continued illegal drug related investigations.

Background – The Concord Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit conducted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of an individual on numerous drug related charges. During the course of this investigation the Drug Enforcement Unit seized a quantity of US Currency and property, to include a number of vehicles. Once the criminal case against the defendant concluded, the State of NH completed forfeiture proceedings against the defendant for the US currency and property that was seized during the investigation. As a result of these forfeiture proceedings, the Concord Police Department received a total of \$24,382.76 designated to be utilized in the furtherance of illegal drug investigation. This amount represents a percentage of the seized US currency as well as a percentage of the revenue from the vehicles which were sold at auction by the State.

Discussion – The Concord Police Department remains committed to combatting illegal drug usage within the City. The Department’s Drug Enforcement Unit plays a critical role in the Department’s response to illegal drug issues. Once appropriated, these funds will be utilized by the Concord Police Department for purposes which further illegal drug investigations. These purposes include specialized training in drug related investigations, specialized equipment, buy money, and communications equipment. It is recommended that the City Council approve the appropriation of these funds as requested.

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