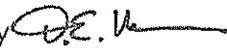


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CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item K
January 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$3,000 from State Forfeiture Funds.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety 

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:  

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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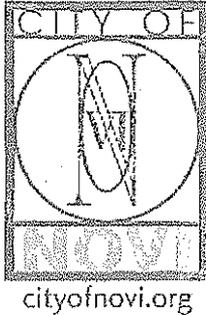
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Mayor Landry				
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Council Member Fischer				
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Council Member Wrobel				

MEMORANDUM



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FROM: THOMAS C. LINDBERG, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
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DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2010

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Law Enforcement State Drug Forfeiture Funding

Per Public Act 558

Effective date December 29, 2006

Law Enforcement Supporters as of November 26, 2010

Detroit Police Department \$20,000
Detroit Metropolitan Violent Crimes Task Force (Gang Squad) \$10,000
Monroe County Prosecutor \$8200
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office \$3500
Monroe County Sheriff's Office \$3200
Monroe Police Department \$3200
Dearborn Police Department \$3000
Livonia Police Department \$3000
Southfield Police Department \$3000
Warren Police Department \$3000
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney \$2500
Auburn Hills Police Department \$2000
Wixom Police Department \$2000
Ann Arbor Police Department \$1000
Bloomfield Township Police Department \$1000
Canton Police Department \$1000
Chesterfield Police Department \$1000
Clinton Township Police Department \$1000
Eastpointe Police Department \$1000
Fraser Police Department \$1000
Grosse Pointe Police Department \$1000
Grosse Pointe Woods Police Department \$1000
Hamburg Township Police Department \$1000
Hamtramck Police Department \$1000
Harper Woods Police Department \$1000
Inkster Police Department \$1000
Lincoln Park Police Department \$1000
Macomb County Sheriff Department \$1000
Riverview Police Department \$1000
Romulus Police Department \$1000
Royal Oak Police Department \$1000
Southgate Police Department \$1000
Sterling Heights Police Department \$1000
Taylor Police Department \$1000

Walled Lake Police Department \$1000
White Lake Township Police Department \$1000
Woodhaven Police Department \$1000
Oak Park Police Department \$500
Shelby Township Police Department \$500
New Baltimore Police Department \$275
Richmond Police Department \$200
Holly Police Department \$200
Hazel Park Police Department \$200
Bellville Police Department \$100
Beverly Hills Police Department \$100
Oxford Police Department \$100

- *Marysville PD spontaneously mailed a check for \$500*
After receiving a Crime Stoppers tip.