

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item F
July 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$1,000 from State Forfeiture Funds.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police *DETACS*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is seeking partnerships with area law enforcement agencies to help support their mission. The cost of this partnership is \$1,000. They are suggesting these monies come from State Forfeiture funds which is allowable through the Michigan Act 558 of 2006, "A seizing agency may direct that the funds or a portion of the funds it would otherwise have received under this subsection be paid to non-profit organizations whose primary activity is to assist law enforcement agencies with drug-related criminal investigations and obtaining information for solving crimes".

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In 2008 Crime Stoppers forwarded over 3200 tips to law enforcement which resulted in 751 arrests and \$75,325 in cash rewards were paid out to tipsters. They market this service through their 1.800.SPEAK UP anonymous tip line that is on billboards and bumper stickers all over the Detroit Metro area. Additional marketing is done through the web site, www.1800speakup.org. When a law enforcement agency requests a posting with Crime Stoppers they are provided with door hangers, at no cost to the department. These door hangers can then be distributed to a specific neighborhood or complex to solicit information on the crime. Additionally, they have a Partnership with Fox 2 News, "Problem Solvers" to post fugitives on the Ten O'Clock broadcasts.

Our Investigators have posted requests with this organization dozens of times over the course of the last several years. While none of these have resulted in an arrest of a suspect for those cases, information has been obtained which resulted in arrests on other outstanding fugitive charges. Crime Stoppers also provides the Novi Police Department with thousands of flyers, marketing merchandise, etc. which we can utilize to enhance marketing and branding of this concept.

Crime Stoppers currently has a link on the Novi Police web site as well as having the information available on cable Channel 13 and through our Crime Prevention officers. Recently Crime Stoppers was updated to receive text messages from tipsters since this is the venue many people utilize to communicate in the 21st Century.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$1,000 from State Forfeiture Funds.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Crawford				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

MEMORANDUM



TO: DAVID E. MOLLOY, CHIEF OF POLICE
FROM: THOMAS C. LINDBERG, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: DONATE TO CRIME STOPPERS OF MICHIGAN
DATE: JUNE 19, 2009

6/25/09
To: Mayor and City
Council Members
FYI. *[Signature]*

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is requesting \$1,000.00 donations from area law enforcement agencies to help support their mission. They are suggesting these monies come from State Forfeiture funds which is allowable through the Michigan Act 558 of 2006. "A seizing agency may direct that the funds or a portion of the funds it would otherwise have received under this subsection be paid to non-profit organizations whose primary activity is to assist law enforcement agencies with drug-related criminal investigations and obtaining information for solving crimes".

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Crime Stoppers is the only non-profit focused on this very important need. The Novi Police will use their service again in the future and I feel it is a very important tool when needed. I recommend we make this donation from our State Forfeiture fund to support their efforts as they support ours.

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Crime Stoppers of Michigan

John W. Broad
President

June 18, 2009

Chief David Molloy
Novi Police Department
45125 W. 10 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375

I am writing this letter to appeal to the Novi Police Department to support Crime Stoppers of Michigan in our effort to reduce crime and the perception of crime in Southeastern Michigan.

Detroit and Flint are two of the most dangerous cities in the United States. The entire state of Michigan is perceived as unsafe not only in the United States, but by people around the world. This perception makes it difficult for any business in Michigan to expand, to attract new business customers, to attract talent, to have cultural institutions and all of the other things necessary to grow and prosper. **We must solve the crime problem in S.E. Michigan if there is any hope for Michigan to grow. Crime Stoppers is the only non-profit focused on this most pressing need.**

People want to come forward and give information that will help police apprehend a fugitive or solve a crime. However, they want to do this in a safe way that will not put either them or their family in jeopardy. Many would also like to have some acknowledgement or reward for helping their neighborhood become safer. Crime Stoppers does this by providing an anonymous way to provide information and receive a reward if there is an arrest. In 2008 we have forwarded over 3200 tips to law enforcement. This is an increase of 84% compared to 2006. These tips resulted in 751 arrests in 2008 – over three times the arrests in 2006.

Second, we support the families of crime victims who want the person who hurt their family apprehended. We provide color posters that dramatize the crime and ask people to come forward with information to help identify the perpetrators. This helps families feel that they are able to do something to help catch the criminal who harmed them. Also, many families contribute to a joint reward fund. This larger reward often helps attract more tips.

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We have now enhanced our website. This website allows a person to search by zip code for fugitives or crimes that need to be solved. People now are able to know throughout the seven- county area, who is wanted for a crime and what crimes are unsolved within their zip code.

Your support will allow us to train law enforcement and educate the public on how to use this new web site as well as all of the other Crime Stoppers tools.

Last year we installed Crime Stoppers in two of Michigan's 50 prisons as a pilot. We have been given the go ahead in all of the remaining prisons as well as the probation and parole offices. Unsolved crimes will be broadcasted through the television sets in the various cells in the prison.

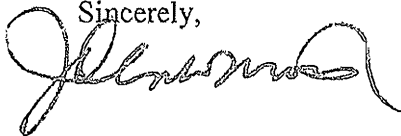
We have implemented Campus Crime Stoppers in the Detroit Public Schools. This allows students a way to give anonymous information about weapons, narcotics, vandalism and abuse in a safe way. We also have programs to teach kids to do the right thing. Last fall we introduced a DVD to incoming freshmen that was produced by upper classmen to show freshmen incidents in a day at school and how they handle them and the role of Crime Stoppers. This DVD has now also been shown on many of the local television shows. We are most anxious to take Campus Crime Stoppers to other school districts.

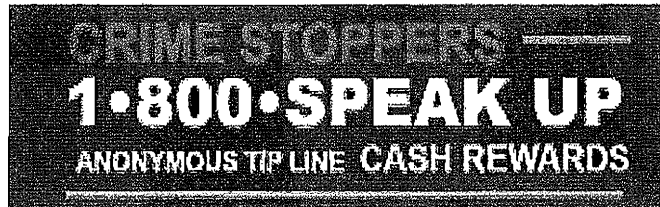
We would like to start a program directed at Crimes Against the Elderly. This is the fastest rising crime in our area. These crimes are not only property crimes but often are violent. We must protect our elderly.

Crime Stoppers is working hard to bring more media attention to unsolved crimes and wanted fugitives. This is done with posters, bill boards, television, radio and print. We know that people will come forward with information if they know who is wanted and that there is a reward. Both Fox and Comcast are working with us to publicize both fugitives and unsolved crimes on television.

We respectfully request a \$1000 donation from State drug forfeiture funds to support Crime Stoppers of Michigan. Then, perhaps, Michigan will grow like we all know that it should.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. ...". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial letter.



*Law Enforcement State Drug Forfeiture Funding
Per Public Act 558
Effective date December 29, 2006*

*Detroit Police Department \$45,000
Michigan State Police \$10,000
Monroe County Prosecutor \$5000
Dearborn Police Department \$3000
Ecorse Police Department \$1000
Grosse Ile Police Department \$1000
Oak Park Police Department \$1000
Fraser Police Department \$1000
Inkster Police Department \$1000
Romulus Police Department \$1000
Taylor Police Department \$1000
Auburn Hills Police Department \$1000
Clinton Township Police Department \$1000
Lincoln Park Police Department \$1000
Southgate Police Department \$1000
St. Clair Shores Police Department \$1000*
Highland Park TBD
Chesterfield TBD
Livonia TBD
Wyandotte TBD
Northville TBD
Clawson TBD
Centerline TBD
Ann Arbor TBD
Milford TBD
Farmington Hills TBD
Madison Heights TBD
River Rouge TBD
Canton TBD*

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

** Represents General Fund*

Act No. 558
Public Acts of 2006
Approved by the Governor
December 28, 2006
Filed with the Secretary of State
December 29, 2006
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 29, 2006

STATE OF MICHIGAN
93RD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2006

Introduced by Rep. Hildenbrand

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6416

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services; to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 7524 (MCL 333.7524), as amended by 1994 PA 8.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 7524, (1) When property is forfeited under this article, the local unit of government that seized the property may do any of the following, or if the property is seized by or in the custody of the state, the state may do any of the following, subject to section 7523(1)(d):

(a) Retain it for official use.

(b) Sell that which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public. The proceeds and any money, negotiable instruments, securities, or any other thing of value as described in section 7521(1)(f) that are forfeited pursuant to this article shall be deposited with the treasurer of the entity having budgetary authority over the seizing agency and applied as follows:

(i) For the payment of proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including expenses incurred during the seizure process, maintenance of custody, advertising, and court costs, except as otherwise provided in subsection (4).

(ii) The balance remaining after the payment of expenses shall be distributed by the court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings to the treasurer of the entity having budgetary authority over the seizing agency. If more than 1 agency was substantially involved in effecting the forfeiture, the court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceeding shall equitably distribute the money among the treasurers of the entities having budgetary authority over the seizing agencies. ~~A seizing agency may direct that the funds or a portion of the funds it would otherwise have received under this subsection be paid to nonprofit organizations whose primary activity is to assist law enforcement.~~

agencies with drug-related criminal investigations and obtaining information for solving crimes. The money received by a seizing agency under this subparagraph and all interest and other earnings on money received by the seizing agency under this subparagraph shall be used to enhance law enforcement efforts pertaining to this article, as appropriated by the entity having budgetary authority over the seizing agency. A distribution made under this subparagraph shall serve as a supplement to, and not a replacement for, the funds budgeted on January 1, 1991, for law enforcement efforts pertaining to this article.

- (c) Require the administrator to take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law.
- (d) Forward it to the bureau for disposition.

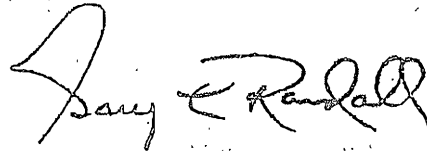
(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), this state or local units of government may donate lights for plant growth or scales forfeited under this article to elementary or secondary schools or institutions of higher education that request in writing to receive those lights or scales pursuant to this subsection, for educational purposes. This state or local units of government shall donate lights and scales pursuant to this subsection to elementary or secondary schools or institutions of higher education in the order in which the written requests are received. This state or local units of government may limit the number of lights and scales available to each requestor.

(3) In the course of selling real property pursuant to subsection (1)(b), the court that has entered an order of forfeiture may, on motion of the agency to whom the property has been forfeited, appoint a receiver to dispose of the real property forfeited. The receiver shall be entitled to reasonable compensation. The receiver shall have authority to do all of the following:

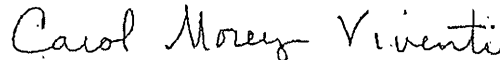
- (a) List the forfeited real property for sale.
- (b) Make whatever arrangements are necessary for the maintenance and preservation of the forfeited real property.
- (c) Accept offers to purchase the forfeited real property.
- (d) Execute instruments transferring title to the forfeited real property.

(4) If a court enters an order of forfeiture, the court may order a person who claimed an interest in the forfeited property pursuant to section 7523(1)(c) to pay the expenses of the proceedings of forfeiture to the entity having budgetary authority over the seizing agency.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved: _____

Governor