

North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

Reuben F. Young, Secretary

October 13, 2011

The Honorable Phil Berger President Pro-Tempore North Carolina Senate Legislative Building, Room 2008 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
State Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Tillis and Senator Berger:

Pursuant to Section 16.1 of the 2011 Appropriations Act, the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. As a result of participation in this program and the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, ALE, has been able to provide valuable equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its mission. The items included in this request are needed to enhance officer and public safety, provide more efficient communications, training opportunities, and the ability to secure evidence of crimes.

This correspondence from the Division of ALE reports their intent to use \$286,618.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the purchases listed below. As of September 1, 2011, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by ALE, not already approved for expenditure, was \$1,624,846.16. If this request is approved, the new balance of this account revenue will be \$1,338,228.16. If you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

Sincerely,

Reuben F. Secretary

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
Firearms Supplementary Equipment: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents routinely conduct firearms training and utilize firearms while carrying out their duties. While conducting training, agents need eye protection while firing to eliminate the possibility of eye damage under bright light and dim light sessions. Agents also need ammunition magazines to replace ones that get worn and damaged during training and use. The funds requested will be utilized to purchase eye protection and replacement magazines for the sworn positions in Alcohol Law Enforcement.	\$16,478.00
Phone System Upgrades: The Division utilizes telephones at the District and Headquarters level to communicate between each other and the general public. In order to modernize the current phone system the Division would utilize the requested funds to expand the Unified Communication plan for the Department out from Headquarters to the District Offices.	\$80,000.00
Clothing: The Division's sworn law enforcement officers are issued pants, shirts, and hats for differing enforcement operations and public educational situations such as Keys to Life presentations and Cops N Shops operations. The Division would utilize the funds requested to purchase these clothing items for the agents and replace those that have worn out and are no longer serviceable.	\$10,140.00
Law Enforcement Vehicles: ALE agents utilize unmarked law enforcement vehicles for a myriad of activities including surveillance missions, undercover operations, drug investigations, and age restricted compliance operations. With several vehicles in the Division Vehicle Fleet in excess of the 100,000 mile surplus schedule these vehicles are needed to rejuvenate the aging fleet. The placement of these vehicles will maximize the Division's fleet management while reducing maintenance costs. The total cost listed includes purchase and installation of all necessary equipment and road tax for the purchase of six law enforcement vehicles.	\$180,000.00
Total:	\$286,618.00