



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety
Alcohol Law Enforcement Division

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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro-Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Pursuant to Section 16.2 of the 2009 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the 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 safety, improve and provide better surveillance equipment, replace obsolete software, and provide furniture for new office space.

As of January 05, 2010, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by ALE was \$5,559,162.21. Pursuant to applicable state law, ALE hereby reports its intent to utilize \$913,253.00 in Federal Seizure funds as detailed on the following pages. The remaining balance after the expenditures detailed herein will be \$4,645,909.21.

Sincerely,
Reuben F. Young

Reuben F. Young
Secretary

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| <p>Surveillance, Undercover (7@ 21,000.00), and Four Wheel Drive Vehicles (2 4x4 vehicles per district=18 X 28,000.00): Prices include purchase & installation of all necessary equipment and road tax. ALE agents utilize undercover vehicles for a myriad of activities, including surveillance missions, undercover operations, and drug investigations, as well as lottery and tobacco compliance operations. Eighteen of these vehicles would be equipped with four- wheel drive which is essential as Special Agents work during inclement weather associated with emergencies and natural disasters-hurricanes, floods, etc. With 34 surveillance/spare vehicles scheduled to be sold at Surplus due mileage in excess of 100,000 miles, the Division is under-equipped to perform the critical tasks associated with these critical functions. The undercover vehicles rotated throughout the districts will allow for more efficient deployment of undercover resources and more strategic placement and exchanges of these vehicles within the Division so as to maximize the vehicle's lifespan and usefulness in undercover capacities.</p> | \$651,000.00 |
| <p>Office Furniture: New Bern district office: The Division has replaced substandard office furniture in other districts. We did not replace the inferior furniture in the New Bern district due to a pending office relocation. Now that the office has been relocated and the needs have been accurately assessed, quality furniture of sound construction is needed to ensure a safe and productive working environment for those employees.</p> | \$34,700.00 |
| <p>Technical Surveillance Equipment: The need for technical surveillance equipment is more important in this day and age than ever before. As the courts require more rigorous and conclusive evidence in criminal prosecutions, it is incumbent on law enforcement to gather evidence in keeping with state and federal law in order to prove violations of law that withstand scrutiny of the courts and defense attorneys. Rapid advances in technology have resulted in powerful surveillance tools available at a fraction of the cost of just a few years ago. Not only are surveillance devices important for procuring and preparing audio and video evidence but they serve as critical officer safety tools to assist in monitoring dangerous situations and events in real time.</p> | \$113,125.00 |
| <p>Polygraph Instrument, Recording Equipment & Countermeasure Devices: ALE conducts its own pre-employment and criminal investigative polygraph examinations. In addition, ALE polygraph examiners conduct polygraphs for other agencies when requested. There are two specially-modified polygraph rooms at ALE headquarters in Raleigh. Federal requirements regarding polygraphs require the examinations to be both video and audio recorded. This equipment can be installed in the polygraph rooms and will transmit the audio and video to a computer that records the interview and transmits them securely via the Internet so the examination can be monitored from a remote location. ALE is also in need of a third polygraph instrument to conduct tests. Currently there are two instruments and three certified examiners. The lack of a third device results in delays when processing large numbers of applicants or suspects. In addition, ALE wishes to add a set of countermeasure devices to each polygraph instrument that will assist examiners in determining when a test subject is attempting to defeat or falsely influence examination results by intentionally manipulating their body functions and responses. These countermeasure devices will result in more accurate examination results.</p> | \$13,428.00 |

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| Undercover Funds: Undercover funds are essential to Division operations as these monies provide resources which enable Special Agents to facilitate undercover and covert operations, manage criminal investigations, and direct other critical investigations and operations. | \$50,000.00 |
| Application Development for Boxing/MMA Fighter Licensing System: As boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA) events have become more popular throughout the state, the software system used to track these events, license fighters, judges, promoters and managers has failed to keep up. The software package currently utilized was developed in the early 1990s and is in dire need of replacement as it no longer effectively serves to administer this growing industry in North Carolina. Combat sports are a high liability area and require accurate and timely documentation to help the state avoid potential lawsuits. | \$51,000.00 |
| TOTAL REQUEST: | \$913,253.00 |