

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 53-23**

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR POLICE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND TO ADJUST THE SUMS AND AMOUNTS REGARDING THE FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDED BY GOCCP AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Paula R. Noble
REQUESTED BY: Police Department

WHEREAS, Section 33-20(b)(1) of the Town Charter authorizes the Town to pass ordinances, including budget ordinances, not contrary to the laws and Constitution of this State, for specific purposes to accept gifts and grants of the Federal or State funds from the Federal or State governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful public purpose, agreeably to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made; and

WHEREAS, the Towns Programs Manager applied and was awarded a grant from The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to help the Police Department to reduce existing gaps in recruiting and retaining personnel; and

WHEREAS The Forest Heights Police Department was recently informed that it received the above-mentioned grant of \$55,000.00 [Exhibit A]; and

WHEREAS, with said grant funding, the Chief of Police, according to the approved GOCCP grant funding budget, shall utilize the funding as prescribed: Boot & Shoe Allowance of \$161.30 per officer, not to exceed \$5,000, College Degree Bonus of \$1,000 per officer, not to exceed \$5,000, Law Enforcement Branded items for officer and community initiatives not to exceed \$5,000, Longevity Bonuses at \$1,000 per officer, not to exceed \$20,000, Social Media, Radio, Television, Recruiting events not to exceed \$5,000, continued Uniform Maintenance through Wylo Dry Cleaning Services not to exceed \$10,000, and Vehicle Maintenance (car washes) not to exceed \$5,000 [Exhibit B]; and

WHEREAS, on June 22nd, 2022, the Town Council approved Emergency Ordinance 04-22, approving and adopting the FY 23 Budget as well as certain line items of the Detailed Line-Item Budget Worksheet, which accompanies and provides further detail to the Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Emergency Ordinance 4-22, the Budget Worksheet provides detailed estimates of the revenues and expenses in the categories provided in the budget ordinance, as amended from time to time by ordinance or authorized resolution, and said Budget Worksheet, although not intended to be enacted as part of the annual budget ordinance or any authorized amendatory resolution to the budget ordinance, shall nonetheless be controlled and shall conform to the sums and amounts appropriated in Emergency Ordinance 04-22; and

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WHEREAS, further pursuant to Emergency Ordinance 4-22, all budget amendments transferring monies between major revenue funds, line items, classifications, and/or major appropriations or likewise adjusting expenditure line items as reflected in the FY 2023 Emergency Budget Ordinance shall be submitted to the Council for approval, from time to time, by ordinance or resolution, and minor budget changes or amendments, however, occurring within certain specified sub-categories or the various detailed items not reflected therein in either the budget ordinance or authorized budget amendment resolution but shown in the Detailed Budget shall be approved from time to time by the Mayor subject to review by the Town Council pursuant to the requirements of Section 20.5 (Preparation of the quarterly financial report); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that an amendment to the FY2023 budget is necessary and proper; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, hereby agrees to authorize and allow the acceptance of a Police Retention and Recruitment grant from The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the Police Department in the amount of \$55,000 for FY 2022 - 2023;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that the general purpose of this Resolution is to amend the sums and amounts appropriated for the FY 2022 - 2023 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland initially adopted in Emergency Ordinance 04-22 reflected in the said ordinance and shown in the Detailed Budget Worksheet and any subsequent amendatory resolution in the following stated areas of the General Fund.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that the specific sums and amounts appropriated are hereby amended for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

FEDERAL, STATE, & CO-SHARED REVENUES

Account Title	Line Item #	Current Budgeted Amount	Adjustment	New Budgeted Amount
Revenues Increase				
GOCCP Grant - PRAR	6020	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES (9015)

Expenditures Increase

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GOCCP Grant - PRAR Project Charges	8302*	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
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*Denotes new line-item number.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution on behalf of the Council.

Attachments

EXHIBIT A – GOCCP Grant Award Letter | EXHIBIT B – GOCCP Approved Grant Budget

PASSED this 5th day of June 2023.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
LILLY	<u>Yea</u>
MCDONALD	<u>Yea</u>
BROWNSON	<u>Yea</u>
HINES	<u>Yea</u>
NOBLE	<u>Yea</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Absent</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the required yea and nay vote of the Mayor and Council of Forest Heights on the 5th day of June 2023 passed the above Resolution 53-23.

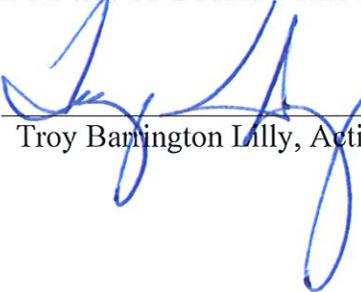
ATTEST:



Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

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By:



Troy Barrington Lilly, Acting Mayor