

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 13, 2025

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Accept Donation of up to \$300,000 from the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation

Date: April 10, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council accept a donation from the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation up to \$300,000 to fund the acceleration and expansion of the Townwide-Surveillance Camera Program and associated procurements as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Chief of Police and the Town Manager in accordance with the Town's Purchasing Procedures.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Palm Beach Police Department continues to benefit from the generosity of the residents and businesses of the Town of Palm Beach. The Department has received intentions of a donation up to \$300,000 from the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation. The donor indicated that the funds should be utilized to fund the acceleration and expansion of the Townwide-Surveillance Camera Program and associated procurements as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Chief of Police and the Town Manager for the Town's safety and security.

The Police Department, in conjunction with other internal stakeholders, maintains a comprehensive public safety surveillance system with managed short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. This generous donation will accelerate existing goals and provide for more nimble responses to current crime trends and public safety concerns that will benefit the entire community.

Per Town Administration Policy No. 1-08-08 (Attachment A), any donation with a value over \$25,000, which is not included in the Town's budget, must be approved by Town Council.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the donation will be forwarded to the Finance Department for deposit and use in the Police Department's camera-related donation account on a predetermined schedule. This schedule will be agreed upon by the Chief of Police and the donor over the next several years. Purchases using donated funds will be made in accordance with established Procurement

Procedures. This donation will fund the initial acquisition, subscription (where applicable), and maintenance costs of Town-wide Surveillance Camera Program assets. Subsequent subscription and maintenance costs will be budgeted through the Town's budgetary process as is regularly done with the program currently.

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Attachment

cc: Robert Miracle, Deputy Town Manager
Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager
Dean Mealy, Procurement and Contract Manager