

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39 TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000

WHEREAS, GCRTA is involved with the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, now known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA derives revenue from seized and confiscated money and/or property of convicted drug dealers prosecuted by the task force; and

WHEREAS, guidelines instituted by the Office of the United States Attorney restrict the use of these funds for law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA has funds available in the Law Enforcement Fund and in order to advance the operation of the Transit Police Department, proposes to use \$259,535.32 of these funds to purchase protective equipment and \$25,464.68 for purchasing supplies and equipment for the Emergency Services Team, officer training and for other law enforcement purposes, for a total of \$285,000.00; and

WHEREAS, no appropriation was made in the 2014 budget as this expenditure was unexpected and therefore unbudgeted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That Resolution No. 2012-039 be hereby amended as follows:

| | <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND</u> | |
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| | <u>2014</u> <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Amended</u> <u>2014</u> <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 34 TRANSIT POLICE | | |
| Law Enforcement Fund | \$0.00 | \$285,000 |

Section 2. That Resolution No. 2012-039 shall remain unchanged in all other respects.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 18, 2014



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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| TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39 TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000 | Resolution No.: 2014-18 |
| | Date: February 13, 2014 |
| | Initiator: Office of Management & Budget |
| ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other _____ | |

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will amend the 2014 Appropriations Budget in order to appropriate funds in the Law Enforcement Fund.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** In 1988, RTA became involved with the multi-jurisdictional Caribbean/Gang Task Force – now known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force. RTA's involvement was prompted by the increased gang activity found in and around the rail system. In addition to the benefits of intelligence gathering and inter-department relations, RTA derives revenue from seized and confiscated money and/or property of convicted drug dealers prosecuted by the Task Force.

The Office of the United States Attorney has instituted certain guidelines for the reporting and disbursement of funds including restricting the use of the funds for law enforcement purposes only. As such, the Transit Police Department proposes to use these funds in the amount of \$259,535.32 for unbudgeted law enforcement purposes to purchase protective equipment for Police Officers plus \$25,464.68 for other law enforcement related items such as, specialized supplies and equipment for the Emergency Services Team as well as various materials and supplies to support law enforcement activities; and for a Police Officer training program to improve the delivery of public safety services.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

- 4.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is consistent with the policy guidelines for use of funds derived from the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, i.e. the funds must be spent for law enforcement purposes.

- 5.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This resolution recognizes an estimated total expenditure of \$285,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Fund, with \$259,535.32 allocated to purchase protective equipment and \$25,464.68 for other law enforcement related items.

- 6.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Since GCRTA can only use these funds for law enforcement purposes, the only alternatives to appropriating these funds within the Law Enforcement Fund are to return the funds or to keep them on balance for use by Transit Police at another time.

- 7.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board adopt this resolution as proposed.

- 8.0 **ATTACHMENTS:** None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer