TO: The Honorable Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to (I) accept a grant in the reimbursement amount of $28,848.29 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for the Drone Reimbursement Program and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate receipt of this grant; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $28,848.29 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), FDLE Drone Replacement Program FY24 Project (20263); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has selected the City of St. Petersburg, Florida on and for the behalf of the St. Petersburg Police Department (Department) to be a recipient of FY23-24 Drone Reimbursement Program.

The Agreement provides that FDLE will reimburse recipients of this grant award for eligible costs related to the program. To receive funds, the recipient will submit a Drone Certification form to the Drone Replacement Program Executive Board for approval of funding for each individual case. Upon approval of the case for funding, the recipient shall submit a Drone Certification form showing estimated expenditures of non-compliant drones based on the total flight hours and the amount of funding requested.

St. Petersburg Police Department has received a Drone Replacement Program Valuation Calculation form from FDLE in the amount of $28,848.29 for drone equipment in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida. The Drone Replacement Program Executive Board has pre-approved these funds and requires these agreements to be executed in order to proceed with reimbursement.

In order to receive this grant, the City is required to execute a grant agreement that includes a few provisions that are contrary to the City’s standard terms and conditions. Most notably, the agreement includes a provision requiring the parties to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept $28,848.29 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Drone Replacement Program and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate receipt of this grant; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $28,848.29 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), FDLE Drone Replacement Program FY24 Project (20263); and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: Revenues of up to $28,848.29 are to be received from FDLE and deposited into the General Fund (0001). Funds will be available after a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $28,848.29 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), FDLE Drone Replacement Program FY24 Project (20263).
Approvals:
Administration: Megan McGee

Budget: _______________________________
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT OF $28,848.29 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (“GRANT”) FOR THE DRONE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO RELINQUISH NONCOMPLIANT DRONES TO FDLE AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE RECEIPT OF THIS GRANT; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $28,848.29 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE GRANT REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT DIVISION (140-1389), FDLE DRONE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FY24 PROJECT (20263); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has selected the City of St. Petersburg, Florida on and for behalf of the St. Petersburg Police Department (Department) to be a recipient of a FY23-24 Drone Reimbursement Program grant in the maximum reimbursement amount of $28,848.29 (“Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the City and FDLE will enter into a one-year financial assistance and mutual aid agreement (“Agreement”) effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for reimbursement of eligible costs of compliant drone(s) related to the Drone Reimbursement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit expenditure documentation to the FDLE for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $28,848.29 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001) resulting from these grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), FDLE Drone Reimbursement FY24 Project (20263) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the maximum reimbursement amount of $28,848.29 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Drone Reimbursement Program and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate receipt of this grant.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY24:

General Fund (0001)  
Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389),  
FDLE Drone Reimbursement Program FY24 Project (20263)  
$28,848.29

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal:  
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Administration: Megan McGee

Budget:  

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