

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2729.21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) MONIES TO MAKE A \$2,500 CONTRIBUTION TO TEACH FOR AMERICA (TFA); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town desires to make a \$2,500 contribution to Teach for America (TFA) to recruit, select, train, and provide ongoing support to corps members in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties; and

WHEREAS, TFA is an organization that recruits committed recent college graduates of all backgrounds to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Town's LETF account includes assets forfeited to the Town by authority of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act and by the Federal Asset Forfeiture Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to utilize LETF funds to pay for this contribution; and

WHEREAS, the monies contained in the LETF are the result of seized assets from both investigations by the Town's Police Department and joint investigations with other law enforcement agencies – not from tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that the \$2,500 cost be taken from the Town's LETF for "***other law enforcement purposes***" specifically authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that this expenditure complies with § 932.7055, Florida Statutes, and / or the Federal Seizure statutes in that the funds will be used for an appropriate law enforcement purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF is not being used as a normal source of revenue for the Town Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF was not considered in the adoption and approval of the Police Department budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to proceed as indicated in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. \$2,500 Contribution to TFA is Authorized. That the contribution of \$2,500 to TFA and the use of LETF funds to make the contribution are hereby authorized and approved.

Section 3. Implementation. That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by **Town Administration.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein and on roll call the following vote ensued:

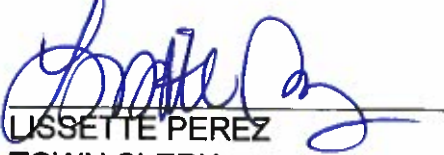
Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 16th day March, 2021.



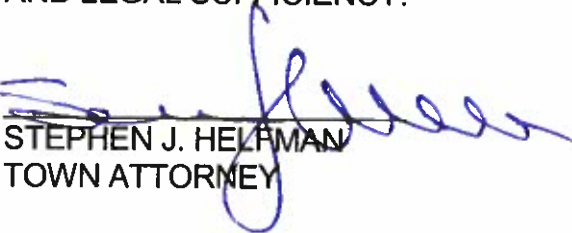
MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:



LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2021

Item Number:

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

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From: Alexander Diaz,
Town Manager

Subject: Resolution No. 2729.21 – Use of LETF Monies to Make a \$2,500
Contribution to Teach for America (TFA)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2729.21 as presented.

Request:

It is requested the Town authorize the use of LETF monies to make a contribution to Teach for America (TFA) in the amount of \$2,500 to recruit, select, train and provide ongoing support to corps members in Miami-Dade County.

Background:

TFA is an organization that recruits recent college graduates of all background's to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. TFA trains and develops these corps members so that they have an immediate positive impact on their students who are usually attending under performing schools in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

The quality of our public education system in South Florida is vital to the regions ability to actively recruit and retain corporations and residents, and thrive as a leading region for economic and social prosperity. The use of LETF Funds for this type of function and purpose is appropriate and at the core of combating delinquency that often leads to egregious criminal acts.

Since 1990, nearly 33,000 leaders have joined TFA to help move the organization closer to a shared vision that one day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. TFA teachers have reached more than 3 million students across 43 urban and rural communities, founded dozens of high-performing schools, boldly led school districts and charter management organizations, and helped pass groundbreaking education legislation.

Financial Impact:

\$2,500.00 from the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Attachments: Agenda Item Resolution, & LETF Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA:

: SS

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Before me, this day personally appeared Rodolfo Herbello who deposes and says that:

“I, Rodolfo Herbello, Chief of Police, Town of Golden Beach, do hereby certify that:

1. *This request for expenditures specifically is authorized by law and will be used for an appropriate law enforcement purpose;*
 - a. *this request for a \$2,500.00 expenditure from the Town of Golden Beach’s Forfeited Assets Fund to make a contribution to Teach for America (TFA) to recruit, select, train, and provide ongoing support to corps members in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, complies with the provisions of Florida State Statute 932.7055, known as the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF), as amended or,*
 - b. *It complies with the requirements of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Statutes under the U.S. Department of Justice publication titled “Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies” which specifically provides that the equitably shared forfeited asset funds resulting from the participation of a local agency in investigations with Federal law enforcement agencies may be utilized by the participating local agency to acquire law enforcement equipment or certain resources for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities.*
2. *The Town’s Law Enforcement Trust Fund is not being used as a normal source of revenue for the Town’s Police Department; and*
3. *The Town’s Law Enforcement Trust Fund was not considered in the adoption and approval of the Police Department budget.”*

Rodolfo Herbello
Chief of Police
Golden Beach Police Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 2021 by
Rodolfo Herbello who is personally known to me.

**NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
AT LARGE**