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The Honorable Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Building, Room 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Moore:

Pursuant to Section 16B.2 of the 2017 State Appropriations Act, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) participates in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property with the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Treasury. Pursuant to this law, the SBI hereby reports our intent to use \$695,000 of new asset forfeiture funds to support equipment and specialized training needs. As of May 31, 2020, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unallocated balance of \$989,386. Once these new needs are budgeted, the available balance will become \$294,386.

The SBI is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our law enforcement capabilities and your support of these initiatives is critical to our success.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Schurmeier  
Director

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cc: Members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

NEW PURCHASE REQUESTS:	AMOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Upgrades to Public Web Page:</u></b> In an effort to promote new community outreach efforts, the SBI hopes to expand resources currently offered on a public website maintained by our agency.</li> </ul>	\$ 75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Axon Equipment and Peripherals:</u></b> The SBI is requesting \$35,000 worth of equipment and related supplies to support upgrades being made to our records management platforms.</li> </ul>	\$ 35,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Security Systems:</u></b> To promote safe working environments for sworn and non-sworn employees, this purchase will support enhanced office security systems, video recorders, and key-card access hardware and software.</li> </ul>	\$ 175,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Removable and Replaceable Equipment:</u></b> The SBI is requesting \$100,000 to support equipment required for case work including criminal investigations. This equipment is required for routine functions within the SBI's field operations.</li> </ul>	\$ 100,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Specialized Training:</u></b> In addition to equipment and instruction required at the SBI's annual academy, the agency also requires highly specialized instruction and training in the fields of behavioral threat assessment, drug trafficking investigations, and other programs.</li> </ul>	\$ 50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Bomb Technician Suit and Technician Equipment:</u></b> A new technician suit and related equipment is required for missions conducted by the SBI Bomb Squad. This request will provide enhanced protection for Bomb Squad Technicians during mission call-outs.</li> </ul>	\$ 60,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Office Furniture and Equipment:</u></b> New furniture and equipment is requested for field offices.</li> </ul>	\$ 80,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Surface Hub Computers:</u></b> The SBI's Training Unit requires two "Surface Hubs" to support training programs required for sworn investigators. A budget of \$25,000 for this purpose will provide the SBI with two Hubs.</li> </ul>	\$ 25,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Polygraph Equipment:</u></b> The SBI's Polygraph Unit requires new equipment to conduct polygraph examinations. These exams occur during employee background checks and also during criminal investigations. A budget of \$20,000 will support the purchase of two sets of equipment.</li> </ul>	\$ 20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Special Response Team Equipment and Uniforms:</u></b> The SBI's Special Response Team requires updated equipment, uniforms and supplies to conduct missions across the state.</li> </ul>	\$ 75,000
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total:</b></p>	\$ 695,000