

2018-19 Civil Forfeiture Disbursements - Backgrounder

File Hills Board of Police Commissioners

Item/Program: Iron Nations Ranger Program

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Summary: The funding will be used to support the formation and maintenance of the Iron Nations Ranger Program, which is a youth cadet corp.

The File Hills Board of Police Commissioners saw a need to provide meaningful activities for young people as a way of fostering good citizenship and community responsibility. The Iron Rangers Program was developed by employees at the File Hills First Nations Police Service and members of the community as an innovative youth program that takes into account the requirements and circumstances of all communities in the File Hills region.

File Hills First Nations Police Service

Item/Program: Off-road Equipment (ATV, Evacuation Rescue Trailer and Safety Equipment)

Funding Amount: \$19,155

Summary: The funding will provide for one ATV, an evacuation rescue trailer and safety equipment. This will enhance the File Hills First Nations Police Service's ability to locate missing persons and conduct search and rescue operations.

The File Hills First Nations Police Service jurisdiction is largely rural forested and undeveloped land with very little access for conventional vehicles, police vehicles or ambulances. In the past there have been complaints received by the Service about youth operating ATVs and snow machines without training or safety equipment. This equipment will allow them to better enforce provincial safety regulations in these situations.

John Howard Society

Item/Program: Crime Prevention Program (Moose Jaw)

Funding Amount: \$24,480

Summary: This funding will provide for a partnership between the John Howard Society of Saskatchewan, South District RCMP detachments and the Moose Jaw Police Service to deliver a crime prevention program (CPP) to Grade 4 – 8 students.

This program will address the risk factors leading to youth crime and victimization. The CPP project will be operational for a 12-month period starting January 2019 and ending in December 2019.

The program includes a half-time coordinator dedicated to delivering program modules to students. Programming will teach students to be socially responsible, to value other members of the community and their property, to be accountable for their actions and to develop strategies for conflict resolution.

Prince Albert Police Service

Item/Program: Lightweight Armor Plates (Body Armor)

Funding Amount: \$16,758

Summary: The Prince Albert Police Service SWAT team uses armour plates to protect themselves in high-risk situations.

Armour plate technology has improved over the years and the new armour plates are lighter and more effective than those currently being used.

Item/Program: SWAT Helmets and Headsets

Funding Amount: \$30,887

Summary: The Prince Albert Police Service SWAT team is moving to a new headset radio system. The current helmets/headsets are not compatible with other SWAT radio platforms in the province without the use of an adaptor, and do not offer additional hearing protection.

The new helmets and headsets are lighter and more effective, and will allow SWAT members to train on and use the new radio system. The new headsets also provide additional hearing protection.

Regina Police Service

Item/Program: Avatar III Robot

Funding Amount: \$42,000

Summary: The Avatar III is a mobile robot that has multiple cameras. It has the ability to investigate and assess high-risk areas from a safe distance before police enter. This equipment will provide valuable information to police in high-risk situations and serve to enhance the safety of the police and the public.

Item/Program: CORE Modular Camera System

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Summary: The CORE modular camera system is a set of articulating cameras that allow police to see under doors, into attics and confined spaces. This equipment will provide valuable information to police in high-risk situations and serve to enhance the safety of the police and the public.

Item/Program: Sniper Riflescopes

Funding Amount: \$19,878

Summary: The funding will be used to upgrade the sniper rifle scope technology used by the Regina Police Service SWAT Team.

During emergency situations, members of the sniper team are deployed to covertly collect real-time surveillance, gather intelligence and evidence, and support the management of the overall police operation.

Saskatoon Police Service

Item/Program: Vented Drug Processing Cabinet

Funding Amount: \$8,960

Summary: A vented drug processing cabinet is used when packaging drug exhibits that may contain concentrated opioids. Providing a safe process for the handling of these exhibits is necessary to ensure the safety of police personnel.

Police officers are facing increased challenges with the growing prevalence of fentanyl and other illicit drugs. These substances can represent a threat to someone who handles them without taking appropriate health and safety precautions.

Item/Program: Reconnaissance Throw Robot and Search Stick (“Throwbot”)

Funding Amount: \$27,725

Summary: The “Throwbot” is a tiny remote controlled robot system that can be tossed into an area to gather real time intelligence on room layout, suspect location and weapons present. It can provide instantaneous video and audio reconnaissance within indoor and outdoor environments.

This technology allows police to safely observe environments that could pose considerable risk to officers and the public. High-risk situations such as hostage situations, barricaded high-risk individuals, suspicious packages or chemical spills are examples where this system could be used.

Item/Program: Ion Scanner

Funding Amount: \$48,016

Summary: ION scanners are highly sensitive scanners that can accurately detect a wide range of explosive threats as well as common illegal and controlled narcotics, including fentanyl.

Police and first responders across Canada are experiencing challenges with fentanyl and other opioid-based drugs. The potency of these narcotics is increasing exponentially, to the point that exposure to a minute amount could prove fatal. Ensuring drug investigators have access to environmental controls and sensitive analytical equipment is critical to ensuring officer and public safety. Early detection can better inform proper handling and appropriate medical or decontamination procedures.

Weyburn Police Service

Item/Program: Forensic Light Source

Funding Amount: \$26,000

Summary: A forensic light source is used to find and identify bodily fluids at crime scenes, such as sexual assaults and other serious crime scenes.

The purchase of the forensic light source will enhance the capacity of the Weyburn Police Service Identification Section to better process crime scenes and collect DNA evidence pertaining to criminal investigations in Weyburn and the surrounding area.