

**TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3061.26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITUE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) MONIES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN'S WELLNESS CENTER COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT, AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RE-IMAGINED TWEDDLE PARK; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is currently constructing a new Wellness Center facility for the residents of Golden Beach which will include gym equipment, and playground equipment in the adjacent tot lot(s) of Re-Imagined Tweddle Park which will be utilized for the training of authorized Residents, Golden Beach Employees and Golden Beach Police Officers and other Law Enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities will also be utilized for community-oriented meetings, crime prevention meetings that will lead emergency preparedness efforts and updates, that will be utilized to develop and implement safety plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has allocated \$1,200,000.00 in expenses that are eligible for LETF monies reimbursement associated with the construction and equipment costs of the Wellness Center Complex, and costs associated with the tot-lot, basketball courts, playground equipment and fixtures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund account (the "LETF") 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 available LETF funds to pay for additional associated construction and equipment cost; 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 \$1,200,000 cost be taken from the Town's LETF, as it becomes available, as 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. Use of LETF Authorized.** That the use of LETF funds is 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 the Town Administration.**

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

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

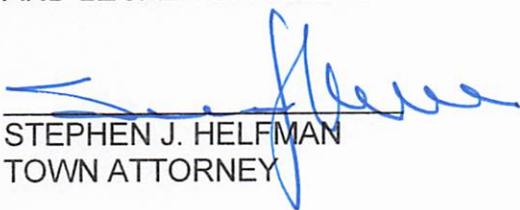
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:

  
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LISSETTE PEREZ  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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STEPHEN J. HELFMAN  
TOWN ATTORNEY



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

100 Ocean Boulevard  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** March 17, 2026

**To:** Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &  
Town Council Members

**From:** Alexander Diaz,  
Town Manager

**Subject:** **Resolution No. 3061.26- Authorizing the Use of LETF Asset Funds, As They Become Available for Expenses Associated with the Town's Wellness Center Complex's Construction, Equipment Costs, and Re-Imagined Tweedle Park**

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### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 3061.26 as presented.

### **Background:**

The Town new Wellness Center facility, Gym Equipment and the playground equipment in the adjacent tot lot(s) of Re-Imagined Tweedle park will be utilized for the training of authorized Residents, Golden Beach Employees and/or Golden Beach Police Officers (or other Agencies). The facilities will also be utilized for community-oriented meetings, crime prevention meetings fostering trust, encouraging community members' participation to share concerns and ideas and for any kind of emergency preparedness or updates, which will include developing and implementing safety plans.

Therefore, based in part on the Chief of Police recommendations and below mentioned "**Federal Seized Assets provision**", I'm requesting you authorize the use of LEFT funds, as they become available, for the reimbursement of expenses associated with the Town's Wellness Center Complex construction and equipment cost, up to 1.2 Million dollars (20% of cost associated with the construction of the Wellness Center and 100% of all cost associated with tot-lot, Basketball courts, playground and any fixture or equipment), could be refunded back to the general fund once LETF fund is awarded to the Town of Golden Beach.

**Federally Seized Assets:** At the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute: 18 U.S.C. Section 981 (e) (2), and 21 U.S.C. Section 881 (e) (1) (A) and (e) (3) (b), the Golden Beach Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings. These shares are deposited in the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund account.

The U.S. Department of Justice publication titled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*" 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 for law enforcement for Community Policing Initiatives and Awareness Programs.

**State Seized Assets:** Under Florida State Statute (FSS) 932.7055, the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, the Golden Beach Police Department lawfully receives equitable share(s) of State seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings involving the regional task force.

The Town uses both the federally seized and the State seized funds to increase crime prevention efforts and to also enhance the quality of police services for Town residents without increasing the Town's budget.

**Financial Impact:**

A Total of \$1,200,000 of LETF Funds as they become available.



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

100 Ocean Boulevard  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To: Alexander Diaz**  
**Town Manager**

**March 10, 2026**

**From: Rudy Herbello**  
**Chief of Police**

**Ref: Recommendation for approving the reimbursement of expenses associated with the Town's Wellness Center Complex Construction and equipment cost, back to the General Fund from the LETF Funds.**

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Town Manager the purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 3061.26 as presented.

As you know the Town new Wellness Center facility, apparatus and adjacent equipment at the tot lot park will be used for the training of authorized residents and/or Golden Beach Police Officers. The facilities will also be utilized for community-oriented meetings, Crime prevention meetings fostering trust, encouraging community members' participation to share concerns and ideas and for any kind of emergency preparedness or updates, which will include developing and implementing safety plans.

Therefore, based in part on the below provision mentioned "**Federal Seized Assets provision**", I'm requesting council approval for the reimbursement of expenses associated with the Town's Wellness Center Complex construction and equipment cost, up to 1.2 Million dollars (20% of cost associated with the construction of the Wellness Center and 100% of all cost associated with tot-lot, Basketball courts, playground and any fixture or equipment) , could be refunded back to the general fund once LETF fund is awarded to the Town of Golden Beach.

## AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF FLORIDA:**

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**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 \$1.2-million expenditure from the Town of Golden Beach’s Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) as the funds become available, for the reimbursement of expenses associated with the Town’s Wellness Center Complex construction and equipment, and costs associated with the tot-lot, basketball courts, playground equipment and fixtures at the Re-Imagined Tweddle Park 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 by  
Rodolfo Herbello who is personally known to me.

**NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
AT LARGE**