



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$28,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of tactical medic program equipment for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

The Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement investigations. The Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint federal - local investigations produces federally seized funds. 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 Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully receive equitable shares of the federally seized funds at the conclusion of the legal proceedings.

The "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*" by the United States Department of Justice 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 equipment.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for a Tactical Medic Program to provide immediate medical support capabilities to the SWAT Team during high-risk or life-threatening incidents requiring tactical assistance. Tactical Medics are trained and sworn in as Auxiliary Police Officers, a secondary assignment to their primary position of Coral Gables Firefighter. Four Coral Gables Firefighters were selected as part of this program and require the proper equipment to fulfill their responsibilities as a Tactical Medic.

The F.A.F. Committee met on June 26, 2019 and approved this expenditure.