



## Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$41,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the purchase of biometric fingerprint scanners and associated software 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 training.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for fingerprint scanners to assist officers in properly identifying subjects while out in the field. The selected 3M Cogent BlueCheck II Fingerprint Scanner is a wireless scanning device that communicates to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Rapid ID system. It checks two fingerprints obtained in the field against wanted persons data and can provide positive identification and a criminal history if those electronic fingerprints exist in Florida's criminal master fingerprint file system. Obtaining twenty fingerprint scanners along with idSoftware will provide an all-encompassing solution for subject identification and ensuring the Department's compliance with CJIS advanced authentication requirements.

The F.A.F. Committee met on October 29, 2015 and approved this expenditure.