



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$51,697 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment; the purchase of the "StressVest System" and associated 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 training system that allows for more reality-based training scenarios to better prepare officers, as well as a system that cuts down on the disadvantages and costs of purchasing training simunitions (marked cartridges). The selected StressVest System, in conjunction with associated shock knives and TASER training suits, allows for more realistic and effective training scenarios for Police Department officers.

The F.A.F. Committee met on April 14, 2015 and approved this expenditure.