



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an encumbrance in the amount of \$50,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement training and education; the funds are to be expended as needed for senior-level professional development and leadership training for new and existing members of the Coral Gables Police Department's senior staff. 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 and education.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for senior-level training in anticipation of upcoming senior staff appointments and in the effort to improve the knowledge and capabilities of management personnel. These professional leadership development programs are essential in providing new and existing management with the skills necessary to advance the mission of providing police services with a pledge of honor and excellence. The types of trainings include, but are not limited, to those offered by the Southern Police Institute, Police Executive Research Forum, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Management, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the School of Justice at Miami Dade College. Personnel falling under the purview of this request include Assistant Chiefs of Police, Police Division Majors, Acting Majors, and select Lieutenants. In evaluating the costs associated with sending personnel to these senior-level trainings, the Department requested an allocation of \$50,000.

The F.A.F. Committee met on August 5, 2016 and approved this encumbrance.