



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an encumbrance in the amount of \$30,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement training; the funds are to be expended as needed for senior-level professional development and leadership trainings 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 additional funding allocated for senior-level training due to recent promotions and transfers, and in anticipation of solidifying the Department's senior administration. Previous funding approved in FY19 has been exhausted and the funds have greatly benefitted Departmental personnel. The funds are to be used exclusively for training, and courses are approved by the Chief of Police. 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.

City leadership have reviewed, vetted, and approved the Coral Gables Chief of Police's request to encumber and expend as needed the available forfeited asset funds via memorandum dated January 8, 2020.