



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$15,500 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement equipment; the purchase of Active Shooter Kits 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.

In August of 2016, the Coral Gables Police Department identified and was approved to purchase Level III+ plate Active Shooter Kits from Federal Eastern International to outfit 170 sworn officers, which covered officers on the road in the Uniform Patrol and Specialized Enforcement Divisions, as well as the detectives in the Criminal Investigations Division. Due to growing active shooter events and as it approaches full staffing, the Police Department aims to purchase an additional 38 Active Shooter Kits. This ensures that every sworn officer has access to integral protective equipment, and also provides the Department with spares for additional personnel on scene.

The F.A.F. Committee met on August 7, 2018 and approved this expenditure.