



## Legislation Text

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A Resolution amending previously adopted Resolution No. 2014-237, by authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$47,610 from both State and Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, to support the 2014-2015 operations of the Coral Gables “Citizens Crime Watch.”

Pursuant to the provisions of FSS 932.7055(5)(a), the proceeds and interest from assets forfeited as a result of criminal investigations shall be used for school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood and drug abuse education and prevention programs.

In addition, 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 to support community-based programs whose missions are supportive of and consistent with a law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative, up to a total of \$25,000.

The primary crime prevention and safe neighborhood program of the Coral Gables Police Department is facilitated through the Department’s partnership with Coral Gables Citizens Crime Watch, Inc.

The F.A.F. Committee met on March 11, 2015 and approved this request. The original expenditure was approved by the Committee on October 15, 2014.