



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$26,516 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment; the purchase of critical equipment for vehicles acquired in FY 2014/15 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 training and education.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for vehicle equipment in its transition to the Ford Police Interceptor SUVs. A properly equipped and updated fleet is essential to the mission of the Police Department, and as sixteen of these new vehicles are being added to the fleet in FY 2014/15, the Department is in need of this equipment to ensure the safety of officers and provide them with the capability to carry out their duties in these new vehicles. The SUV-model equipment to be purchased for these vehicle are secure lock boxes, prisoner cages, rear cargo barriers and equipment trays.

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