



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$34,500 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement equipment, the purchase of LeadsOnline 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.

The Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for LeadsOnline, a regulated paw and secondhand dealer transaction management solution. This system offers access to a national network comprised of thousands of law enforcement agencies and reporting businesses that will assist in investigating and solving property crimes. In addition to eliminating manual processes, this system allows for increased interoperability between various local law enforcement agency record databases. As a result, the Police Department has selected three years' worth of licensing costs for the LeadsOnline system with PowerPlus access for purchase.

The F.A.F. Committee met on February 28, 2018 and approved this expenditure.