



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$55,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys, for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of the BolaWrap and associated equipment, 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 a physical restraint and less-lethal option for Officer and public safety. The BolaWrap is a unique handheld remote restraining device that discharges an eight-foot bola-style Kevlar tether. This tool has been tested by the Department and was determined to be an effective approach in slower evolving incidents, as it impedes a subject's mobility and does not rely on pain compliance in any way. The Department intends for this acquisition to serve as an initial deployment, with units issued to Sergeants of the Uniform Patrol and Specialized Enforcement Divisions, as to personnel assigned to the S.W.A.T. unit.

The F.A.F. Committee met on November 16, 2018 and approved this expenditure.