



Legislation Text

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A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$67,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of Chevrolet Bolt LT vehicles 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 additional Neighborhood Safety Aide vehicles due to additional hires in the last year. As part of improvements to this program, the Department has selected two 2019 Chevrolet Bolt LT vehicles. These vehicles will allow for an expansion of the program into the gated communities and surrounding areas south of Sunset Road. Advantageous features of the Chevrolet Bolt LT include a range of 238 miles per charge, added safety features, better navigation on narrow streets, and an overall more efficient use of the lithium-ion batteries during traffic congestion. As these vehicles are the primary means of transportation for these employees while on duty, capabilities greater than 90 miles per charge are required to bolster the Department's capabilities of fostering a positive partnership with the community.

The F.A.F. Committee met on January 15, 2019 and approved this expenditure.