

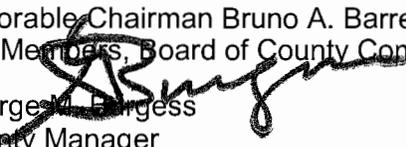
# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

DATE: May 6, 2008

Agenda Item No. 12(B)8

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:   
George A. Burgess  
County Manager

SUBJECT: Report of Proposed Expenditures for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for Miami-Dade County was established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) and must be used for law enforcement purposes which are not budgeted. Allowable purposes may include: to defray costs of protracted or complex investigations; to provide additional technical equipment or expertise; to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants; or for other law enforcement purposes. The funds are administered in compliance with Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) policies, statutory requirements and federal guidelines.

LETF consists of seized monies and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property received from both Federal Asset Sharing and State Forfeiture Cases. LETF is funded by three different sources: the State LETF fund, governed by Florida Statutes Sections 932.701 through 932.706; and two federal funds from the US Department of Justice and the US Treasury, governed by the Federal Guidelines from the US Department of Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture. The funds are referred to as Asset Sharing as several entities may participate in the investigation along with the MDPD and the forfeiture assets are shared based upon each agency's participation in the investigation, in accordance with asset sharing requirements and guidelines. There are no matching requirements.

The allocation of LETF funds adheres to a process as part of the MDPD standard operating procedures. Department entities submit LETF Project requests to the MDPD Assistant Director and LETF Committee Chairperson. The requests are reviewed by personnel in the Fiscal Administration Bureau to ensure compliance with LETF requirements. The LETF Committee, comprised of the Assistant Directors of the MDPD, reviews those requests which meet program requirements and recommends selected projects for funding. The recommendations are reviewed by the Police Legal Bureau for legal sufficiency and a report is prepared by the Fiscal Administration Bureau. The revenue and expenditures are documented in the County budget ordinance and are routinely reported in the Department's fiscal reports. The package is certified by the Director prior to the report being presented to the Board for approval per Florida Statute Section 932.7055 (5)(b).

The following are the proposed asset sharing expenditures for FY 2007-08:

## **PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)**

- 1. Crime Prevention Programs **\$250,000****  
The LETF project will support a variety of innovative, specialized crime prevention programs that are conducted by the Community Affairs Bureau. These programs may include residential and commercial security surveys, the Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Prevention Display Vehicle, "Don't Let Alcohol Be Your Last Taste of Life," Citizens' Police Academy, Mobile Helicopter Simulator, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, DUI Mobile Educational Center, "Join A Team, Not A Gang", Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The programs focus on providing assistance to the community to enable citizens to enhance their personal safety. Funds will be used for personnel related costs, educational materials, supplies and other expenses needed to support these programs. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).

2. **Northside District Intensive Enforcement Initiative** **\$200,000**  
The LETF project will support an initiative aimed at reducing violent crime and gun violence throughout Northside District. Despite increased assistance from within the Department and adjacent jurisdictions, crime continues to rise and be a cause of great concern for area residents and persons traveling through the area. This initiative will further augment already increased personnel and enforcement operations, targeting daily and weekly crime trends. This proactive response within the Northside District is intended to address public safety concerns. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing (Complex Investigations).
3. **Robbery Reduction Initiative** **\$700,000**  
The LETF project will be used to support robbery reduction initiatives using high profile strategies to combat robberies. This initiative will be staffed primarily through uniform personnel in patrol vehicles in areas experiencing a high or repetitive rate of robbery. In addition, Neighborhood Resource Units will conduct neighborhood canvasses within targeted areas to foster community involvement to prevent and solve violent crimes such as robbery. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing (Complex Investigations).
4. **Hammocks District** **\$100,000**  
The LETF project will be used to support specialized operations to combat the increase in crimes currently experienced in the Hammocks District. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing (Complex Investigations).
5. **Cutler Ridge District** **\$100,000**  
The LETF project will support specialized criminal investigations and deterrent operations in crimes occurring within Cutler Ridge District. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing (Complex Investigations).
6. **Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force** **\$ 25,000**  
The LETF project will support the Department's lead role in coordinating activities of the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force. The Task Force is the regional response to strengthen the State's domestic security. This is accomplished, in part, through participation in statewide functional workgroups, the development of priorities and allocation of funding for priority activities. Funds will be utilized for department personnel to attend mandatory statewide meetings which are funding related. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
7. **Mortgage Fraud Task Force** **\$ 50,000**  
The LETF project will support the Mortgage Fraud Task Force in its mission to reduce mortgage fraud and prevent victimization of individuals and businesses. Funds will be utilized to for a public education campaign and also, travel associated with the Task Force and other related support. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention).
8. **Community Affairs Bureau Gun Bounty Program** **\$100,000**  
The LETF project will support the continuation of this successful program in partnership between the Miami-Dade Police Department and CrimeStoppers of Miami-Dade County. The purpose of the project is to reduce gun violence

and related crime through the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County. The program confiscates guns possessed illegally in a public place. As of June 2007, when the program first began, there have been 121 guns confiscated and 67 arrests. Funds are used for advertising, program materials, brochures, rewards and other related program expenses. The reward for this police bounty program is \$1,000. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).

9. **Domestic Crimes Bureau** **\$ 30,000**  
The LETF project will support Domestic Violence Education (DoVE) Project. This is a public awareness, education and prevention campaign targeting domestic violence crimes, including those which exploit the elderly and children. Funds will be used for campaign support, educational materials and related expenses; also electronics such as a laptop computer, LCD projector, and educational videos to be used as part of the program's educational presentations. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Crime Prevention Programs).
10. **Property and Evidence Bureau Operation "Organization"** **\$200,000**  
The LETF project will support monthly disposition details of evidence and property that no longer have evidentiary value. With the increase of specialized operations and enforcement initiatives there has been a remarkable increase in firearms and contraband seized and impounded straining the limits of the Property and Evidence Bureau. Funds will be used for overtime to conduct these special evidence details. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
11. **Special Patrol Bureau Marine Patrol Unit** **\$ 50,000**  
The LETF project will be used to target specific areas of our waterways which have experienced an increase in police-related activities such as vessel crashes (involving injuries and fatalities), arrests, and incidents of civil unrest. Funds will be used for overtime in the targeted areas. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
12. **Personnel Management Bureau** **\$ 50,000**  
The LETF project will be used to continue recruitment strategies. With the decrease in the number of police officer applicants, having a multi-effort recruitment campaign is necessary. Funds will be used for campaign related expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
13. **Robbery Bureau Investigations** **\$300,000**  
The LETF project will support proactive and investigative strategies to identify and apprehend individuals committing violent serial type robberies occurring within Miami-Dade County. Target communities include North Miami-Dade County and South Miami-Dade County. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
14. **Police Legal Bureau** **\$ 79,000**  
The LETF project will ensure that legal support may be conducted using technology consistent with the requirements of the Department network, investigative entities, and member agencies of the local, state and federal criminal justice/law enforcement community. This will result in effective and efficient legal support. Funds will be used for technology enhancements in

support of law enforcement purposes. Funds will be provided from the Justice Asset Sharing Fund.

15. **Public Corruption Investigation** **\$100,000**  
The LETF project will assist with a long-term, extensive and complex investigation into the theft and/or misappropriations of local, state, and federal dollars intended for specialized public services. This investigation involves multiple state and federal agencies and is intended to satisfy the probable cause needed for Federal and State indictments and charges. Funds will be used for overtime and related investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
16. **Professional Compliance Bureau (PCB) Investigation** **\$200,000**  
The LETF project will assist with a proactive, long term, complex investigation. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
17. **Professional Compliance Bureau Forensic Computer Laboratory** **\$200,000**  
The LETF project will assist digital evidence examinations necessary to complete investigations resulting in charges and successful prosecutions. These funds will be used for overtime, training, travel, and enhancements to the Forensic Computer Laboratory Section. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
18. **Narcotics Bureau Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT)** **\$500,000**  
The LETF project will assist enforcement operations of this specialized unit. These operations seek to arrest the most violent offenders encountered by law enforcement officials. Strategies used by TNT have proven to be highly successful resulting in charges, arrests, prosecutions, and interruption of the drug trade. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
19. **Economic Crimes Bureau** **\$90,230**  
The LETF project will support technology enhancements which will facilitate financial investigations and support investigations across the Department. Funds will be used for software, licensing and related expenses to this technology enhancement. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
20. **Robbery Bureau Operation Street Terror Offender Program (STOP)** **\$110,000**  
The LETF project will assist with protracted and complex investigations of violent home invasions for narcotics groups. STOP is an initiative where the MDPD which joins forces with the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to combat violent robberies, typically home invasions, emanating from the illicit drug trade. Offenders are prosecuted in federal court. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
21. **Robbery Bureau Robbery Intervention Detail (RID)** **\$400,000**  
The LETF project will assist with additional RID details to reduce the rising robbery rate in Miami-Dade County. This will allow for additional details using this focused and proactive strategy targeting robberies and violent crimes. Funds will be used for overtime. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.

- 22. Warrants Bureau \$250,000**  
The LETF project will support costs associated the execution of warrants and the apprehension of subjects through "Operation Dragnet". This operation targets violent criminals with outstanding felony warrants that pose a significant threat to the public safety of our citizens. "Operation Dragnet" will be coordinated through the Department and in conjunction with municipal police departments to target individuals with outstanding warrants within MDPD districts and/or jurisdictions resulting in the increase of arrests and closures. Funds will be used for overtime (i.e. funds will not support municipal police officer expenses). Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
- 23. Economic Crimes Bureau Mortgage Fraud Task Force \$50,000**  
The LETF project will support proactive approach to investigating mortgage fraud. Project activities will be conducted in coordination with the Mortgage Fraud Task Force. These funds will be used for investigative expenses including training, technical assistance and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
- 24. Homeland Security Bureau \$ 85,375**  
The LETF project will support the purchase of electronic surveillance equipment for use by the Technical Operations Unit (TOU). The acquisition of this electronic equipment will enhance the MDPD's criminal and anti-terrorist investigations and will provide technical support to other law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level. Funds will be used for electronic equipment. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
- 25. Homicide Bureau \$ 50,000**  
The LETF project will support the continued investigations of cold cases. With the development of new technology and shared data systems for DNA and fingerprints, investigators may be able to solve cases previously thought to be unsolvable. Funds will be used for overtime and related investigative expenses. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
- 26. Intergovernmental Bureau Medical Crimes Unit \$ 50,000**  
The LETF project will be used to assist in the investigation of medical crimes as relates to unlicensed practice of medicine, the diversion, illegal importation, and counterfeiting of pharmaceutical prescription drugs and Medicare/Medicaid related fraud. Funds will be used for overtime and investigative expenses. Funds will be provided by Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

PROPOSED JUSTICE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,279,230
PROPOSED STATE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,855,000
PROPOSED TREASURY ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 185,375
<b>Total Recommended Amount</b>	<b>\$ 4,319,605</b>

I, Robert Parker, Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, do hereby certify that the aforementioned request for expenditures from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund complies with the provision of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes and applicable guidelines related to equitable sharing of federal assets.



ROBERT PARKER  
Director

4/16/08  
DATE