

Memorandum



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Agenda Item No:
12(B)5

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

FROM: George M. 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 FY2008/2009 or until completion of the project.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)

- Intergovernmental Bureau Community Service Program** **\$ 71,542**
The LETF project will support the Miami-Dade Police Department Community Service Program. The Community Service Program consists of offenders arrested for illegal dumping and other crimes. The offenders, under the supervision of the Miami-Dade Police Department, are required by the courts to perform community service. Specifically, these offenders must clean and restore blighted areas that have been affected by the negative impact of illegal dumping. Funds will be used for a specialized vehicle for debris removal under this program. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

2. **Media Relation Bureau** **\$104,000**
The LETF project will support a technology enhancement which will allow the Bureau to document and deliver information to the public and also coordinate information with media outlets at the local, national, and international level. In addition, the equipment will be used with crime prevention programs, such as Gun Bounty; support open investigations through video presentations to generate leads and tips from the public; monitor broadcasts for news coverage of Miami-Dade Police Department investigations to aid investigations; and other related media sharing services which will benefit the community. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
3. **Professional Compliance Bureau Network Security** **\$ 44,000**
The LETF project will support a technology enhancement at the Professional Compliance Bureau. This enhancement will improve security of electronic investigative information. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
4. **Intergovernmental Bureau** **\$150,000**
The LETF project will support the Critical Incidents Logistics Unit (CILU). This unit provides logistical assistance to Departmental bureaus and districts during crime initiatives, specialized law enforcement details, and assisting with events and disasters. The project will allow for specialized equipment to be used during large scale operations. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).
5. **Information Technology Services Bureau** **\$133,747**
The LETF project will support the Information Technology Services Bureau for an enhancement to the MDPD Comp Stat and crime analysis process. This enhancement will facilitate analysis that is more effective and efficient, relating to deployment and response. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
6. **Information Technology Services Bureau Enhancement** **\$300,000**
The LETF project will support a technology enhancement for investigative and crime analysis personnel. The enhancement will provide these personnel with the equipment required for successful investigations and accurate crime analysis. The enhancement will promote effective command, control, coordination, communication, and sharing of information with numerous criminal justice agencies, public safety agencies, as well as information services (both public and private media) to advise citizens to proactively prevent and/or respond to escalating criminal activity. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
7. **Special Patrol Bureau Special Response Team** **\$ 70,000**
The LETF project will support an enhancement of specialized equipment for the Special Patrol Bureau's (SPB) Special Response Team (SRT). This equipment will enhance operational abilities. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
8. **Community Affairs Bureau Countywide Gun Bounty Program** **\$300,000**
The LETF project will support the continuation of this successful program in partnership between the Miami-Dade Police Department and Crime Stoppers

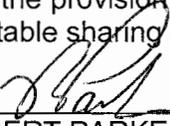
of Miami-Dade County. The program purpose is to confiscate guns possessed illegally. The tipster (caller) initiates contact by calling Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471 – 8477. At this time, the tipster provides detailed information regarding the specific location of the gun and the subject in possession of that gun. The call is subsequently dispatched as a priority call to that location. If the offender is arrested, the tipster is eligible for a \$1,000 reward. The tipster will in turn use the code initially assigned by Crime Stoppers to collect their reward. Since the program's inception in 2007, the rate of arrests has averaged approximately six per week and rate of gun recovery averaged approximately 11 per week. In total, as of October 2008, the program has confiscated 213 guns which led to 125 arrests. In addition, the gun tips have led detectives to links in other major crimes such as homicides, robberies, burglaries, and narcotics. Funds are used for advertising, program materials, brochures, rewards and other related program expenses. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing Funds (Crime Prevention Programs).

9. **Property and Evidence Bureau** **\$ 30,000**
The LETF project will support specialized equipment for the Property and Evidence Bureau (PEB). The PEB is responsible for the storage and preservation of contraband. This enhancement will preserve seized property in the most dependable, cost effective and safe manner until it can be disposed of legally. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
10. **Robbery and Special Patrol Bureau** **\$167,878**
The LETF project will support specialized equipment for the Robbery Bureau and the Special Patrol Bureau. The enhancement will allow for effective and safe operations. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.
11. **Robbery Bureau** **\$225,588**
This LETF project will support a technology enhancement for the Robbery Bureau, Robbery Intervention Detail (RID) and the Street Terror Offender Program (STOP). The RID and STOP continue to be important components of the MDPD overall strategy to reduce robberies and other violent crimes. This enhancement will support proactive efforts of these specialized investigative units. Funds will be provided by State Asset Sharing (Technical Equipment).
12. **Sexual Crimes Bureau** **\$60,000**
This LETF project will support a technology enhancement for the Sexual Crimes Bureau. This enhancement will allow for more effective and efficient case management for open and cold sexual crime cases. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.
13. **Narcotics Bureau** **\$ 70,000**
This LETF project will support additional funding to purchase a specialized vehicle. The Narcotics Bureau Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT) is a highly effective street level narcotics enforcement unit. The specialized vehicle will be used for operational and critical incidents. Funds will be used to purchase the vehicle and related equipment. Funds will be provided from State Asset Sharing (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED JUSTICE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 441,747
PROPOSED STATE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 817,130
PROPOSED TREASURY ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 467,878
Total Recommended Amount	\$1,726,755

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

10/27/08
DATE