

Memorandum



DATE: April 7, 2009

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss,
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 12(B)4

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess", written over the printed name of George M. Burgess.

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 Statutes Section 932.7055 (5)(b).

The following is the proposed asset sharing expenditure for FY2008/2009 or until completion of the project.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURE (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)

1. **Professional Compliance Bureau (PCB) Investigation** **\$250,000**
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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED JUSTICE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 250,000
Total Recommended Amount	\$ 250,000

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

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