Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

DATE:	May 5, 2009
TO:	Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss, and Members, Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	George M. Burgess County Manager
SUBJECT:	Report of Proposed Expenditures for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Agenda Item No. 12(B)6

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for Miami-Dade County was established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in Resolution No. R-1633-80 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 is the proposed asset sharing expenditures for FY2008/2009 or until completion of the project.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURE (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)

1. **Crime Prevention Programs** **$294,325**
   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. **Rand Center on Quality Policing (CQP), Director's Office** **$30,000**
The LETF project will support the participation of MDPD RAND Center on Quality Policing (CQP). The RAND CQP invited MDPD to participate in this national study as an agency known to be innovative and interested in improving policing through research and analysis. The study will develop evidence-based, data-driven law enforcement protocols. Initial topics include: police encounters with the mentally ill, investigative workload allocation, cost effective use of overtime, civil liability risks, use of DNA evidence, and others to be identified. The funds will support the research agenda. Funds will be provided from Treasury Asset Sharing Funds.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED STATE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	$ 294,325
PROPOSED TREASURY ASSET SHARING FUNDS	30,000
Total Recommended Amount	**$ 324,325**

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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