



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 15-302, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Receipt and file report of Law Enforcement Trust Fund from July 1 to September 30, 2015.

Recommended Action

Acceptance of receipt and file report of Law Enforcement Trust Fund payments to the Sheriff from July 1 to September 30, 2015.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the public and our customers
5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

The attached schedule of authorized payments to the Sheriff includes the adopted Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) budget appropriation of \$500,000.00. As of September 30, 2015, there was \$455,038.08 on deposit within the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund and \$1,172,440.99 within the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund. As of September 30, 2015, there was \$359,020.00 allocated.

Background Information:

In accordance with Chapter 932.7055(4), F.S., the Board has established a special Law Enforcement Trust Fund for depositing the forfeiture proceeds derived from law enforcement activities of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. In addition to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund provided for under state law, there is a companion trust fund (Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund) created through an Agreement with the United States Department of Justice. These funds, plus any interest thereon, must be used for allowable law enforcement purposes only and do not include normal operating expenses of the Sheriff. Upon request from the Sheriff's Office, the Office of Management and Budget reviews and authorizes the payments to the Sheriff for the requested amount based on the Sheriff's certification of compliance with Florida Statute 932.7055.

Fiscal Impact:

Appropriation of \$500,000.00 is currently budgeted in FY15 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of September 30, 2015, \$359,020.00 has been allocated.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office