



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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**Subject:**

Receipt and file report of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.

**Recommended Action:**

Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from July 1 to September 30, 2023.

- Appropriation of \$500,000.00 was budgeted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of September 30, 2023, \$409,526.87.00 has been allocated for payment and/or expended and posted from the FY23 budget.

**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 Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff) includes the adopted Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget appropriation of \$500,000.00.

As of September 30, 2023, the balances were \$304,123.50 within the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund and \$530,159.35 within the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund.

As of September 30, 2023, a total of \$181,600.00 of the Local Law Enforcement Trust and \$227,926.87 of the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund have been allocated and/or paid out, for a total of \$409,526.87. The total remaining appropriation distribution balance is \$90,473.13 for FY23.

**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 Sheriff. In addition to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund provided 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, 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:**

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Sheriff. As of September 30, 2023, \$409,526.87.00 has been allocated for payment and/or expended and posted from the FY23 budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

John Ondrovic, Budget & Financial Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

**Partners:**

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

**Attachments:**

Quarterly Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report

Law Enforcement Trust Fund Letters

FY23 Payment Schedule