Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-2060A, **Version:** 1

Subject:
Receipt and file reports on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarters ending December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2018 (amended report).

Recommended Action:
Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and the amended report from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

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) from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 includes the adopted Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget appropriation of $500,000.00. As of December 31, 2018, there was $93,654.26 available within the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund and $ 404,178.05 available within the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund. As of December 31, 2018, $ 42,500.00 of Local Law Enforcement Trust and $6,671.00 of Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Funds have been allocated.
An amended report of authorized payments from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 is also included. The report adds a payment from the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Funds requested on October 3, 2018 and applied retroactively to Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18). This payment was processed after the original report was filed with the Board on October 23, 2018 (Granicus File ID 18-1647A).

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 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, 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 FY19 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of December 31, 2018, $ 49,171.00 has been allocated.
Appropriation of $500,000.00 was budgeted in FY18 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of September 30, 2018, $331,856.00 was allocated.

Staff Member Responsible:
Lisa Burley, Budget and 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 for October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
Amended Quarterly Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report for July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018
Combined Law Enforcement Trust Fund Letters