



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2019.

Recommended Action:

Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Strategic Plan:

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 2019 (FY19) budget appropriation of \$500,000.00. With the allocation of \$10,118.52 requested in October for expenses incurred and posted to September due to year-end closing of accounts, a total of \$212,925.00 of Local Law Enforcement Trust and \$241,323.50 of Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Funds were allocated for FY19.

The attached schedule of authorized payments to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff) also includes the adopted Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget appropriation of \$500,000.00. As of December 27, 2019, there have been no funds allocated to the Sheriff from the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund or the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund for FY20.

As of December 27, 2019, the Trust Fund balances were \$98,130.24 within the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and \$256,222.96 within the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund.

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 was budgeted in FY19 for the purpose of processing requests from the

Sheriff and \$454,248.50 was allocated for payment.

Appropriation of \$500,000.00 was budgeted in FY20 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of December 27, 2019, there have been no funds allocated in FY20.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Attachments:

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