Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 21-668A, **Version:** 1

Subject:
Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.

Recommended Action:
Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from January 1 to March 31, 2021.

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 2021 (FY21) budget appropriation of $500,000.00. As of March 29, 2021, the balances were $185,156.48 within the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund and $237,206.22 within the Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund.

As of March 31, 2021, a total of $90,500.00 of Local Law Enforcement Trust and $23,721.50 of Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Funds have been allocated and/or paid out, for a total of $114,221.50. The total remaining appropriation distribution balance is $385,778.50 for FY21.

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 FY21 for the purpose of processing requests from the Sheriff. As of March 31, 2021, $114,221.50 has been allocated for payment and/or expended and posted from the FY21 budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Bill Berger, Bureau Director, Office of Management and Budget

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