



October 8, 2024

Mr. Michael Ruiz, Assistant County Administrator
Broward County Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 409
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Re: Request for Appropriation; Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF)
Forfeiture Unit Operating Budget**

Dear Mr. Ruiz:

The Broward Sheriff's Office requests the Broward County Administrator's assistance with an appropriation of LETF funding for the purpose of operating the BSO Forfeiture Unit.

This unit is responsible for all legal process relating to the forfeiture program. Funding for this program will consist of State/Local LETF monies as detailed below.

A comparison of this year's funding request to the prior year' funding request follows:

	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
Salary & Benefits (State/Local)	777,068	863,375
Prof Svc/Admin (State/Local)	295,000	295,000
Utilities (Federal/Justice)	30,000	0
R/L Building & Grounds (Federal/Justice)	263,670	0
Advertising (State/Local)	22,500	22,500
Office Supplies (State/Local)	4,000	4,000
Total	\$1,392,238	\$1,184,875

Personnel Expenses in the amount of \$863,375, as reflected above, will be funded through state/local LETF funds. Operating Expenses in the amount of \$321,500, as reflected above will be funded through state/local LETF funds. No Capital Outlay is requested.

We appreciate the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' continued support in assisting the Broward Sheriff's Office achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Colonel Oscar Llerena

Colonel Oscar Llerena
Executive Director
Department of Administration

cc: Sheriff Gregory Tony
Colonel Nichole Anderson, Undersheriff
Terrence Lynch, BSO General Counsel
Heather Mitchell, Director, BSO Bureau of Finance
Dafne Perez, Director, BSO Office of Management & Budget
Norman Foster, Director, Broward County Office of Management & Budget

att: Appropriation Request-LETFF-Forfeiture Unit

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Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.

September 20, 2024

Board of County Commissioners
Broward County Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Attn: Honorable Nan Rich, Mayor

**Re: Request for Appropriation – Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf)
Forfeiture Unit Operating Budget**

Dear Mayor Rich and Board Members:

Request is hereby made for the following described appropriation from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf).

- I. **AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$1,184,875.00
- II. **LETf ACCOUNT:** X State/Local Federal/Justice Federal/Treasury
- III. **AMOUNT & TYPE:** \$1,184,875.00 State/Local
- IV. **USER:** BSO Other
- V. **STATUTORY PURPOSE:**
 - X Crime prevention Drug abuse education/prevention
 - Grant matching funds X Other law enforcement purpose
 - Safe neighborhood School resource officer

VI. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETF request for the Forfeiture Unit Operating Budget. The BSO Forfeiture Unit is responsible for all legal process relating to the forfeiture program. This forfeiture operating budget will fund the personal services and operating expenses of the Forfeiture Unit.

VII. EXHIBITS ATTACHED: _____ Budget X Correspondence

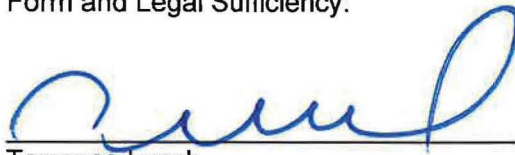
1. LETF Request for Funding.
2. BSO Correspondence

VIII. CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- a. These funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the Broward Sheriff's Office; and
- b. This request complies with the provisions of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes, and the Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies, as applicable.

Reviewed and Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Terrence Lynch
General Counsel



Gregory Tony
Sheriff of Broward County