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Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.

September 19, 2025

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 24/25	FY 25/26
Salary & Benefits (State/Local)	863,375	974,686
Prof Svc/Admin (State/Local)	295,000	295,000
Utilities (Federal/Justice)	0	0
R/L Building & Grounds (Federal/Justice)	0	0
Advertising (State/Local)	22,500	22,000
Office Supplies (State/Local)	4,000	4,500
Total	\$1,184,875	\$1,296,186

Personal Services in the amount of \$974,686, 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 though 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,

Oscar Llerena

Colonel Oscar Llerena
 Chief Financial Officer
 Broward Sheriff's Office

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-LETf-Forfeiture Unit

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Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.

Date: September 3, 2025

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

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

Dear Mayor Furr and Board Members:

The Broward Sheriff's Office hereby requests the following appropriation from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf).

- I. **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$1,296,186
- II. **LETf ACCOUNT:** X State/Local Federal/Justice Federal/Treasury
- III. **AMOUNT & TYPE:** \$1,296,186 State/Local

IV. STATUTORY PURPOSE:

State/Local: Payment of costs incurred by the Broward Sheriff Office in connection with the storage, maintenance, security, and forfeiture of seized property, and the payment of court costs incurred in the forfeiture proceedings. Fla. Stat. §932.7055(4)

V. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Broward Sheriff's Office Supports this LETf request to fund the BSO Forfeiture Unit operating budget as per §932.7055(4), which authorizes forfeiture proceeds to be used for payment of the costs incurred in connection with the storage, maintenance, security, and forfeiture of the seized property, as well as the payment of court costs incurred in the forfeiture proceeding. This Unit is responsible for all legal process relating to the forfeiture program.

- VI. EXHIBITS ATTACHED:** X Budget Correspondence

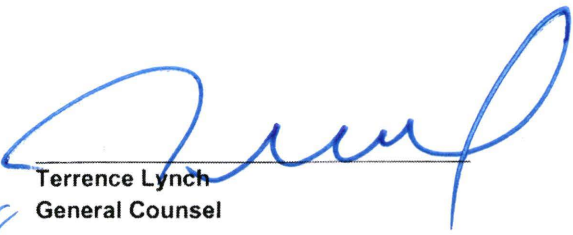
- 1. FY 25/26 Forfeiture Unit Operating Budget

VIII. CERTIFICATION:

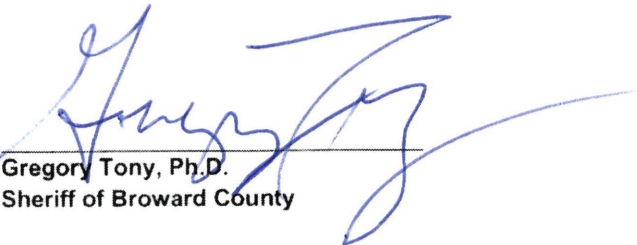
The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- 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 Statute as applicable.

Reviewed and Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:



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Terrence Lynch
General Counsel



Gregory Tony, Ph.D.
Sheriff of Broward County