



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Norman Foster

**Department:** Office of Management and Budget

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-112 transferring funds within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in the amount of \$125,761 for the purpose of acquiring DNA testing equipment for BSO's Crime Lab.

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Florida Statutes 932.7055(5)(a) requires that proceeds from the disposition of liens and forfeited property obtained from a criminal procedure and corrections be deposited in a special law enforcement trust fund to be used for law enforcement purposes. Recommendation of the Sheriff and Board approval are required to appropriate LETf funds.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Provides LETf funding in the amount of \$125,761 to BSO to acquire DNA testing equipment for its Crime Lab.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

None.

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

The Broward Sheriff's Office supports this LETf request for the Automate Robots DNA Unit for BSO's Crime Lab. The Automate Robots DNA equipment will increase the amount of DNA evidence the Crime Lab is able to process as well as allowing for expanding the sample types processed to include hair and bone samples, reducing the potential for contamination and the ability to be expanded to larger robots in the future. The Automate Robots will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Crime Lab DNA Unit in processing DNA for criminal investigations.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

Norman Foster, Director, Office of Management and Budget, (954) 357-6346  
Colonel James Reyes, BSO Department of Administration, (954) 831-8180

### **Fiscal Impact**

#### **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

Funds are available within the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for these actions. According to BSO, the current balance of the LETF, as of March 16, 2021, is \$1,427,731 in the local account (\$1,098,378 of which is unrestricted) and \$4,377,839 in the federal account (\$2,457,353 of which is unrestricted). This action will utilize \$125,761 in unrestricted federal funds.