

Sheriff Eric Flowers

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

February 3, 2021

The Honorable Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman Indian River Board of County Commissioners 1801 27th Street Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Re: DEA Equitable Sharing Fund, County Fund 121 - Reserve DEA Equitable Share

Dear Chairman Flescher:

According to the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Equitable Sharing Program, law enforcement agencies are allowed to spend forfeited funds for purposes that directly supplement the appropriate resources of the recipient law enforcement agency. These funds are the direct result of our deputies' diligent law enforcement efforts and are derived mainly from drug-related offenses. None of the funds are derived from county tax dollars.

Pursuant to the rules of the DOJ, I am requesting that \$55,990 from the DEA Equitable Sharing Fund to be used to equip our Special Investigations Unit.

Please place this item under Constitutional Officers for the February 9, 2021 board agenda.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Aimee Cooper at 978-6159.

Sincerely,

Eric Flowers Sheriff

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