



Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board approve the use of Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Fausel House (772 Pacific Street) facility lease in the amount of \$33,120 for the period of July 2021 - June 2022.

FUNDING: Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The District Attorney, through an agreement with the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ), receives monies for assets seized by partner agencies, also referred to as Equitable Sharing Funds (EQSHR). The funds are deposited into a trust fund in the County Treasury until such time the District Attorney requests use of the funds per the guidelines established in Equitable Sharing agreement with the DOJ. The District Attorney is requesting to use the funds for the following expense:

- \$33,120 in facility rental costs for the Fausel House building lease located at 772 Pacific Street. The District Attorney is requesting EQSHR use for the FY 2021/22 building lease cost during the period of July 2021-June 2022. According to the lease contract with Fausel Professional Center LLC, the first six months of FY 2021/22 are billed at rate of \$2,730/month and the remaining six months are billed at \$2,790/month, for a total cost of \$33,120.

ALTERNATIVES

Should the board opt not to approve the use of Equitable Sharing Funds for the facility lease, the department would not be able to drawdown against the Fund, leaving the costs as a General Fund expense.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

Legistar 21-0321, March 23, 2021 - Board approved District Attorney's request to use Federal Equitable Sharing Funds to support Law Enforcement initiatives.

Legistar 20-0152, February 11, 2020 - Board approved District Attorney's request to use Federal Equitable Sharing Funds to support Law Enforcement initiatives.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no change to Net County Cost as the revenue and appropriations for the facility lease in the amount of \$33,120 was included in the FY 2021/22 budget per the terms of the lease agreement (Fenix Contract 3486) and this item is to reiterate that approval. Section 16.3 of the lease agreement indicates that Asset Forfeiture Funds are to be used to support the facility rental.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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