



# Fulton County

## Legislation Text

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**Requested Action** *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of the 2020 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Fulton County Police Department, establishing the requirements for participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, or proceeds. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Requirement for Board Action** *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

OCGA §36.10.1 requires all contracts be approved by the Board and entered into the official minutes.

**Strategic Priority Area related to this item** *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

**Justice and Safety**

**Summary & Background** *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)* This annually certified agreement between the Federal Government and Fulton County sets forth requirements for participation in the federal equitable sharing program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, which are shared with participating law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice funds the Equitable Sharing program by which local governments receive an allocation of seizures, confiscations and other law enforcement activities in which the Fulton County Police Department has had a cooperative or collaborative role. These funds can be utilized for training, communications, equipment, ammunition and other allowable law enforcement activities. During 2020 reporting, the Police Department spent \$11,693.10.

This annual information return shows the revenue receipts from the federal government, and the local government spending within the restrictions of this program for law enforcement purposes. These transactions are classified within a separate special revenue fund as required under the agreement. During 2020, the Police Department received \$37,788.75 in cash from the Department of Justice.

**Department Recommendation:** The Department requests approval.

**Project Implications:** Subsequent shared revenues from this program are subject to receipt of signed annual agreement.

**Community Issues/Concerns:** There are no community issues/concerns.

**Department Issues/Concerns:** There are no department issues/concerns.