

Legislation Text

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### Department

**District Attorney** 

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

Request approval of the 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, 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)

**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

#### **Commission Districts Affected**

All Districts	$\boxtimes$
District 1	
District 2	
District 3	
District 4	
District 5	
District 6	

## Is this a purchasing item?

No

**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 District Attorney's Office has had a cooperative or collaborative role. These funds can be utilized for training, communications, equipment, ammunition and

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other allowable law enforcement activities. During 2022 reporting, the District Attorney's Office spent \$3465.00.

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 2022, the District Attorney's Office received \$77,702.50 in Equitable Sharing distributions from the Department of Justice.

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

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

Department Recommendation: The Department requests approval.

Project Implications: NA

Community Issues/Concerns: No

Department Issues/Concerns: No