

RESOLUTION 2026 - 192

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 EQUITABLE SHARING JUSTICE TRUST FUND BUDGET, TO RECEIVE FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE INTENDED ENHANCEMENT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, a federal mandate now requires the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Finance Office to maintain the financial accounts for the Sheriff's federal Equitable Sharing Program receipts; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget was prepared prior to knowing the actual amount of funds which may be received by the federal Equitable Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County seeks recognition of \$40,214.31 in federal program funds and appropriation of said funds within the Equitable Sharing Justice Trust Fund budget for use by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as findings of fact.
2. The Equitable Sharing Justice Trust Fund budget shall be adjusted to account for unanticipated funds from the United States Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury in the amount of \$40,214.31 for Fiscal Year 2026.
3. County staff are authorized to take whatever steps necessary to adjust and account for said unanticipated funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 16th day of June 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

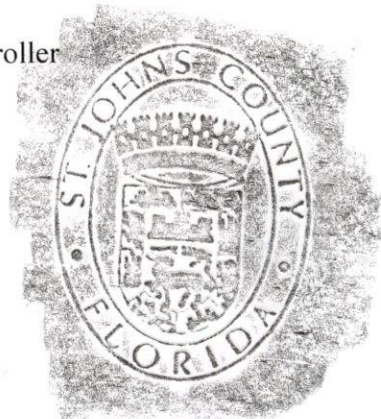
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By: _____

Clay Murphy
Clay Murphy, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Brandon J. Patty
Deputy Clerk





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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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May 21, 2026

Honorable Clay Murphy, Chairman
St. Johns County Board of Commissioners
500 Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Subject: Equitable Sharing Trust Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure Request

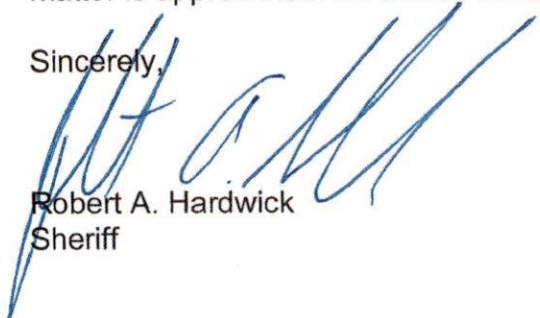
Dear Chairman Murphy,

The Sheriff's Office is requesting an expenditure from the Equitable Sharing **Justice** Trust Fund in the amount of \$23,978.07. The U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Treasury *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies* (March 2024) (Guide) establishes that proceeds earned from the Equitable Sharing Trust Fund may be expended through permissible uses, such as, (page 18, section d), "costs associated with the purchase, lease, maintenance (including repairs or service agreements), or operation of law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities... examples include furniture, audio-visual equipment, telecommunications equipment, electronic surveillance equipment...".

The requested funds will be used to purchase office cubicles necessary to support the operational requirements of the Criminal Investigations Division field office location. The quote, prepared in accordance with Florida State Contract 56120000-24-NY-ACS, is attached for reference, along with the Equitable Sharing permissible use guidelines.

Once approved, the Sheriff's Office will make the expenditure and seek reimbursement from the Equitable Sharing **Justice** Trust Fund through OMB and Comptroller staff. Your consideration in this matter is appreciated. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Hardwick
Sheriff

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Item	Mfg	Cat	Qty	Part Number	Part Description	Alias 1	Alias 2	List	Ext List	Sell	Ext Sell	Sell - %
1	AIS	DIV	1	P-DLTPPM5024	Divi Linear Tack Panel - Perm/Mono - PWR - 50H x 24W No Divi Metal Divider Satin White (Powered-Panel) Grade A Vertical Fabrics Grade A Directional Vertical Fabrics Engage Vertical Fabrics Engage, Rain Cloud Grade A Vertical Fabrics Grade A Directional Vertical Fabrics Engage Vertical Fabrics Engage, Rain Cloud (Fabric/Laminate applied vertically) (Default) Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 278.02	\$ 278.02	80.760
2	AIS	DIV	18	P-DLTPPM5060	Divi Linear Tack Panel - Perm/Mono - PWR - 50H x 60W No Divi Metal Divider Satin White (Powered-Panel) Grade A Vertical Fabrics Grade A Directional Vertical Fabrics Engage Vertical Fabrics Engage, Rain Cloud Grade A Vertical Fabrics Grade A Directional Vertical Fabrics Engage Vertical Fabrics Engage, Rain Cloud (Fabric/Laminate applied vertically) (Default) Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 1,998.00	\$ 35,928.00	\$ 384.03	\$ 6,912.54	80.760
3	AIS	DIV	12	P-DLSEOR	Divi Linear Base - End of Run Shroud Satin White			\$ 32.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 6.16	\$ 73.92	80.760
4	AIS	DIV	2	P-DLFP350	Divi Linear Post Filter - 3 Way - 50H Yes - Data Divider Satin White Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 401.00	\$ 802.00	\$ 77.15	\$ 154.30	80.760
5	AIS	DIV	15	E-MX8W4PTC21	21 In. Electrical Jumper (Extended Panel To Panel)			\$ 266.00	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 51.18	\$ 767.70	80.760
6	AIS	DIV	1	E-MW8W4PJ60E	81 In. Electrical Jumper (P60E & Vt 72)			\$ 504.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 86.97	\$ 86.97	80.760
7	AIS	DIV	6	E-MW8W4D01	Duplex Outlet - Line 1 - Black			\$ 94.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 18.09	\$ 108.54	80.760
8	AIS	DIV	6	E-MW8W4D02	Duplex Outlet - Line 2 - Black			\$ 94.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 18.09	\$ 108.54	80.760
9	AIS	DIV	6	E-MW8W4D03	Duplex Outlet - Line 3 - Black			\$ 94.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 18.09	\$ 108.54	80.760
10	AIS	DIV	6	E-MW8W4D04	Duplex Outlet - Line 4 Dedicated - Black			\$ 94.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 18.09	\$ 108.54	80.760
11	AIS	DIV	2	E-LN8W4BIFS	Slide Mounted Base Infeed - 72L - 8 Wires/4 Circuit			\$ 590.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 113.52	\$ 227.04	80.760
12	AIS	UNV	32	WPS-FP	Flat Plate			\$ 39.00	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 240.00	80.760
13	AIS	DIV	6	WPS-UNCT24L	Regular Cantilever - Left Hand - 24D Support Single Paint Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 124.00	\$ 744.00	\$ 23.86	\$ 143.16	80.760
14	AIS	DIV	6	WPS-UNCT24R	Regular Cantilever - Right Hand - 24D Support Single Paint Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 124.00	\$ 744.00	\$ 23.86	\$ 143.16	80.760
15	AIS	DIV	2	WPS-UNCT24S	Shared Cantilever - Single - 24D Support Single Paint Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 172.00	\$ 344.00	\$ 33.09	\$ 66.18	80.760
16	AIS	UNV	12	S-PEDBBFJ24	Pedestal - B/B/F - 24D Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 1,279.00	\$ 15,348.00	\$ 246.08	\$ 2,952.96	80.760
17	AIS	UNV	12	S-PEDFFJ24	Pedestal - F/F - 24D Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 1,279.00	\$ 15,348.00	\$ 246.08	\$ 2,952.96	80.760
18	AIS	UNV	12	S-PEDJFB	Pedestal Extension Shroud Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 184.00	\$ 2,328.00	\$ 37.33	\$ 447.66	80.760
19	AIS	UNV	60	X-RECTHANDLE	Rectangular Pull Handle all options Grade A Paint Satin White			\$ 34.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 6.54	\$ 392.40	80.760
20	AIS	UNV	10	W-WS2436	Rectangular - 2mm Edge - 24D x 36W Neo Walnut B - Location 1 Grommet Color Option Grommet Cover - White Grade A Laminate Neo Walnut (Textured)			\$ 589.00	\$ 5,890.00	\$ 113.32	\$ 1,133.20	80.760

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21	AIS	UNV	14	W-WS2460	Rectangular - 2mm Edge - 24D x 60W			\$ 834.00	\$ 11,676.00	\$ 160.46	\$ 2,246.44	80.760
				RO-E0791	Neo Walnut							
				RW-GRRB	B - Location 1							
				GROMMETC	Grommet Color Option							
				W-GRC3W	Grommet Cover - White							
				LAMTABA	Grade A Laminate							
				RO-L0038-A	Neo Walnut (Textured)							
22	AIS	UNV	12	S-W1CORE2	Silver Key Alike Kit (2 Cores) - Weeko Type			\$ 39.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 90.00	80.760
sub					Subtotal				\$ 102,867.00		\$ 19,763.07	80.760
23	Of Jax		1	5112028	Assembly, Placement and Trash Removal-no walk ups or disposal of old furniture	Lead Time- 4-5 weeks	Florida State Contract 5612000-24-NY-ACS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,225.00	0.000
					Grand Total				\$ 102,867.00		\$ 23,978.07	76.646

- d. **Law enforcement equipment**—Costs associated with the purchase, lease, maintenance (including repairs or service agreements), or operation of law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities. Examples include furniture, audio-visual equipment, office supplies, telecommunications equipment, copiers, safes, fitness equipment, computers, computer accessories and software, body armor, body-worn cameras, cloud data storage, uniforms, firearms and related equipment, ammunition, radios, cellular telephones, electronic surveillance equipment, vehicles (e.g., patrol and unmarked vehicles), and animals and animal-care-related expenses.
- e. **Joint law enforcement and public safety operations**—Costs associated with the purchase of multi-use equipment and operations used by both law enforcement and non-law enforcement personnel. Examples include 911 call center equipment, defibrillators, Naloxone, search and rescue boats, aircraft, and diving equipment. These expenditures are exempt from the pro-rata calculation of law-enforcement-related costs. There must be a law enforcement use; the equipment cannot be solely for non-law enforcement operations, such as fire and EMS vehicles.
- f. **Contracts for services**—Costs associated with a contract for a specific service that supports or enhances law enforcement. Examples include translation and language assistance services, outsourced laboratory testing, staffing and feasibility studies, auditing of equitable sharing funds, Employee Assistance Program services, subject matter expert consultations, grant writing, or software development.

Employment-related contracts or contracts involving inherently law enforcement functions are prohibited. Examples include hiring an attorney, investigator, or civilian personnel to perform tasks typically or previously performed by agency or jurisdiction personnel.

Under no circumstances should any agency enter a contract that bases payment on a percentage of the seizures and forfeitures of the law enforcement agency.

- g. **Law enforcement travel and per diem**—Costs associated with travel and transportation for law enforcement agency personnel to perform or support law enforcement duties and activities. Travel and per diem for personnel from other agencies is not permitted. All related costs must be in accordance with the jurisdiction's travel and per diem policies and must not create actual or the appearance of extravagance, waste, or impropriety.
- h. **Law enforcement awards and memorials**—Costs associated with the purchase of plaques, certificates, commemorative badges, and challenge coins in recognition of a law enforcement achievement, activity, or training. Shared funds may not be used to pay monetary awards in any form, including cash, cash equivalents, or stored value cards.

Shared funds may be used to pay the costs for commemorative plaques, displays, or memorials on law enforcement property to recognize or memorialize a law enforcement officer's contributions, such as a memorial plaque or stone in honor of an agency's officers killed in the line of duty. The plaque, display, or memorial must not create actual or the appearance of extravagance, waste, or impropriety. Justice shared funds may not be used for memorials involving construction. See [Section V.B.2.m.](#)

B. Use of Shared Funds

Except as noted in this *Guide*, Program participants shall use equitably shared funds for law enforcement purposes only (“permissible uses”). If an agency is unsure whether a proposed expenditure is permissible, it should email mlars.ESProgram@usdoj.gov for Justice fund expenditures or treas.aca@treasury.gov for Treasury fund expenditures.

Agencies may use equitably shared funds for any permissible agency expenditure, and both sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel may use them. The fact that equitable sharing derives from property forfeited by a particular agency unit or as a result of a particular federal violation does not limit its use to purchases only for that unit or to further investigations only for that particular federal violation. If an agency wishes to support a multi-agency expenditure, such as a new payroll system or city municipal building, with a non-law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency’s costs based on its use may be calculated on a *pro rata* basis.

1. Permissible Uses

- a. **Law enforcement administrative costs**—Administrative costs that further the agency’s law enforcement goals or missions. Examples include recruitment and advertisement costs, agency accreditation, banking and equitable sharing account maintenance fees, or agency membership dues. Memberships and dues for an individual are impermissible. See [Section V.B.2.d.](#)
- b. **Law enforcement training and education**—Training of agency personnel, including investigators, prosecutors, and sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel, in any area necessary to perform official law enforcement duties, provided that the employees’ regular duties require knowledge of these topics. Examples include training and conference registration fees, tuition, speaker fees, or costs to produce training curricula on topics such as serving as a canine handler, narcotics detection, defensive tactics, criminal justice, languages, constitutional law, accounting and finance, or forensics. Agencies may not pay for training expenses of non-agency personnel. See [Section V.B.2.i.](#)

Agencies may not donate or transfer funds to associations or organizations providing training.

- c. **Law enforcement, public safety, and detention facilities**—Purchase, lease, or operation of law enforcement, public safety, or detention facilities used or managed by the recipient agency. Examples include the costs of leasing, furnishing, and paying utilities for law enforcement facilities.

Treasury shared funds may also be used to pay costs associated with the construction, expansion, or improvement of law enforcement facilities, regardless of the size or scope of the project. Examples include new HVAC equipment, paving projects, security fencing, paint and carpeting, or construction materials related to construction projects.

Justice shared funds may **NOT** be used to pay costs associated with the construction, expansion, or improvement of law enforcement facilities, regardless of the size or scope of the project. See [Section V.B.2.m.](#)



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05-19-26

Lon Stafford, CPA
St. Johns County COC & Comptroller
4010 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Subject: Equitable Sharing Proceeds Received-05-19-26

Dear Mr. Stafford:

St Johns County Sheriff's Office is remitting funds to be placed into the Equitable Sharing **Justice** Trust Fund which is being held by the County. Documentation is attached.

\$40,214.31 Equitable Sharing **Justice** Trust Fund

Case	Seized Amount	Decided Share	SJSO Amt	Date Received
G4-20-0006				
23-DEA-703017	\$ 824,909.00	5%	\$ 40,214.31	5/19/2026
			\$ 40,214.31	

Total funds remitted: **\$40,214.31**.

Sincerely,

Melissa Farris,

Finance Manager

