



TO: Board of Estimates, Office of Comptroller  
 FROM: AGC2300-BBMR - Bureau of Budget Management Research  
 DATE: 04/21/2026  
 Submission #: SB-25-14709  
 SUBJECT: Transfer of Funds - Equitable Sharing Agreement with the  
 Department of Justice

**ACTION REQUESTED OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES:**

The Board is requested to approve a Transfer and Allocation of Funds from the asset forfeiture fund with the Department of Justice.

**PERIOD OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:** 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Transaction Amount: \$ 612,096.02

Project Fund	Amount
6000-SPC006045-CCA000999	\$ 612,096.02

**BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:**

The City received the dollars from the Department of Justice in September 2025. These dollars were not accounted for in the Sheriff's FY26 budget. This supplemental appropriation will allow them to spend down these monies.

**Program Background**

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program (the Program) is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations, deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes, recovers property that may be used to compensate victims, and deters crime. The most important objective of the Program is law enforcement. Equitable sharing further enhances this law enforcement objective by fostering cooperation among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies. Equitably shared funds and property must be used solely for law enforcement purposes, subject to applicable state and local rules. Certain expenses are pre-approved as permissible uses. To prevent conflicts of interest, employees involved in investigations leading to forfeiture—and their immediate family or household members—are prohibited from purchasing forfeited property, and DOJ employees or contractors may not purchase or use such property without prior written approval. Shared property is not restricted to the

type of offense that led to its forfeiture, and agencies should prioritize its use for community policing, training, and law enforcement operations.

Permissible uses of equitably shared funds include supporting law enforcement investigations, training, facilities, equipment, travel, and operations; paying for awards, memorials, and drug or gang education programs; providing matching or pro rata funding for grants and shared services; covering asset accounting, audits, and language assistance services; and transferring funds to other eligible law enforcement agencies. Agencies may also use limited portions of funds to support approved community-based programs, with additional flexibility in windfall situations where sharing exceeds 25% of an agency's annual budget, subject to reporting and audit requirements.

SMBA&D Participation not required / Pass-through of state and/or federal funds

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
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**ENDORSEMENTS:**

Finance (BBMR) has reviewed and approved for funds.



Clerk, Board of Estimates

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