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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

August 06, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

61 August 6, 2024

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Annual Certification Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, a prerequisite to receive equitably-shared cash, property, or proceeds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (County), to sign the enclosed Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification report which enables the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADA) to continue participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program and report the use of federal equitable sharing funds received in FY 2023-24.
2. Request the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and affix a wet, stamp, or electronic signature to the attached Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification report.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In order for the LADA to receive federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest thereon from the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, the LADA is required to submit an Annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, by pursuing operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and accountability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Federal Equitable Sharing funds support law enforcement training, travel, communication, and other eligible law enforcement costs. In FY 2023-24, the LADA utilized \$1,529,580.18 in Federal Equitable Sharing funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 authorized federal officials to implement a national asset forfeiture program to target criminals, including drug dealers and white-collar criminals who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain. One of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share federal forfeiture proceeds with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies. The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program serves to deter crime and provide additional resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. Local law enforcement agencies receive proceeds based on their participation in a federal task force comprised of State and local agencies or from State or local investigations that are developed into federal cases.

Federal Equitable Sharing funds received from the Federal Equitable Sharing Program are deposited into a District Attorney Trust Fund and are used for eligible law enforcement operation costs. Forfeiture payments are made periodically by the U.S. Marshal's Service to the LADA via Automated Clearing House transfers.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the LADA is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return an adopted copy of this Board letter and the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Annual Certification Report, with original signatures, to:

Lidia Youssef, Chief
Budget & Fiscal Services Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
211 West Temple Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90012

Any questions may be directed to Lidia Youssef at (213) 257-2832 or via email at Lyoussef@da.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

8/6/2024

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gascon", written in a cursive style.

GEORGE GASCON

District Attorney

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel



Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification



NCIC/ORI/Tracking Number: CA019153A
Agency Name: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Mailing Address: 211 West Temple Street, Suite 200
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Type: Prosecutor's Office

Agency Finance Contact

Name: Youssef, Lidia
Phone: (213) 257-2832 **Email:** lyoussef@da.lacounty.gov

Jurisdiction Finance Contact

Name: Youssef, Lidia
Phone: (213) 257-2832 **Email:** lyoussef@da.lacounty.gov

ESAC Preparer

Name: Tran, Lam
Phone: (213) 257-2817 **Email:** lamtran@da.lacounty.gov

FY End Date: 06/30/2024

Agency FY 2025 Budget: \$528,680,000.00

Annual Certification Report

Summary of Equitable Sharing Activity		Justice Funds ¹	Treasury Funds ²
1	Beginning Equitable Sharing Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Equitable Sharing Funds Received	\$1,503,308.91	\$0.00
3	Equitable Sharing Funds Received from Other Law Enforcement Agencies and Task Force	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Interest Income	\$26,271.27	\$0.00
6	Total Equitable Sharing Funds Received (total of lines 2-5)	\$1,529,580.18	\$0.00
7	Equitable Sharing Funds Spent (total of lines a - n)	\$1,529,580.18	\$0.00
8	Ending Equitable Sharing Funds Balance <small>(difference between line 7 and the sum of lines 1 and 6)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00

¹Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program Investigative Agency participants are: FBI, DEA, ATF, USPIS, USDA, DCIS, DSS, and FDA

²Department of the Treasury Asset Forfeiture Program participants are: IRS-CI, ICE, CBP and USSS.

Summary of Shared Funds Spent		Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
a	Law Enforcement Operations and Investigations	\$0.00	\$0.00
b	Training and Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
c	Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and Detention Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
d	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$1,326,164.05	\$0.00
e	Joint Law Enforcement/Public Safety Equipment and Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00
f	Contracts for Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
g	Law Enforcement Travel and Per Diem	\$0.00	\$0.00
h	Law Enforcement Awards and Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00
i	Drug, Gang, and Other Education or Awareness Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
j	Matching Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
k	Transfers to Other Participating Law Enforcement Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00
l	Support of Community-Based Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
m	Non-Categorized Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
n	Salaries	\$203,416.13	\$0.00
Total		\$1,529,580.18	\$0.00

Equitable Sharing Funds Received From Other Agencies

Transferring Agency Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

Other Income

Other Income Type	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

Matching Grants

Matching Grant Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

Transfers to Other Participating Law Enforcement Agencies

Receiving Agency Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

Support of Community-Based Programs

Recipient	Justice Funds	

Non-Categorized Expenditures

Description	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

Salaries

Salary Type	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
Salary - Overtime	\$203,416.13	

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Privacy Act Notice

The Department of Justice is collecting this information for the purpose of reviewing your equitable sharing expenditures. Providing this information is voluntary; however, the information is necessary for your agency to maintain Program compliance. Information collected is covered by Department of Justice System of Records Notice, 71 Fed. Reg. 29170 (May 19, 2006), JMD-022 Department of Justice Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS). This information may be disclosed to contractors when necessary to accomplish an agency function, to law enforcement when there is a violation or potential violation of law, or in accordance with other published routine uses. For a complete list of routine uses, see the System of Records Notice as amended by subsequent publications.

Single Audit Information**Independent Auditor**

Name: Linda Hurley

Company: Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP

Phone: 949-296-4340

Email: lhurley@mgocpa.com

Were equitable sharing expenditures included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) for the jurisdiction's Single Audit for the prior fiscal year? If the jurisdiction did not meet the threshold to have a Single Audit performed, select Threshold Not Met.

YES NO THRESHOLD NOT MET

Prior Year Single Audit Number Assigned by Federal Audit Clearinghouse: 2023-06-GSAFAC-0000032125

Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned officials certify that they have read and understand their obligations under the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies (Guide)* and all subsequent updates, this Equitable Sharing Agreement, and the applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations. The undersigned officials certify that the information submitted on the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form (ESAC) is an accurate accounting of funds received and spent by the Agency.

The undersigned certify that the Agency is in compliance with the applicable nondiscrimination requirements of the following laws and their Department of Justice implementing regulations: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in any federally assisted program or activity, or on the basis of sex in any federally assisted education program or activity. The Agency agrees that it will comply with all federal statutes and regulations permitting federal investigators access to records and any other sources of information as may be necessary to determine compliance with civil rights and other applicable statutes and regulations.

Equitable Sharing Agreement

This Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, entered into among (1) the Federal Government, (2) the Agency, and (3) the Agency's governing body, sets forth the requirements for participation in the federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited funds, property, and any interest earned thereon, which are equitably shared with participating law enforcement agencies. By submitting this form, the Agency agrees that it will be bound by the *Guide* and all subsequent updates, this Equitable Sharing Agreement, and the applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations. Submission of the ESAC is a prerequisite to receiving any funds or property through the Equitable Sharing Program.

1. Submission. The ESAC must be signed and electronically submitted within two months of the end of the Agency's fiscal year. Electronic submission constitutes submission to the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury.

2. Signatories. The ESAC must be signed by the head of the Agency and the head of the governing body. Examples of Agency heads include police chief, sheriff, director, commissioner, superintendent, administrator, county attorney, district attorney, prosecuting attorney, state attorney, commonwealth attorney, and attorney general. The governing body head is the head of the agency that appropriates funding to the Agency. Examples of governing body heads include city manager, mayor, city council chairperson, county executive, county council chairperson, administrator, commissioner, and governor. The governing body head cannot be an official or employee of the Agency and must be from a separate entity.

3. Uses. Shared assets must be used for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the *Guide* and all subsequent updates, this Equitable Sharing Agreement, and the applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations.

4. Transfers. Before the Agency transfers funds to other state or local law enforcement agencies, it must obtain written approval from the Department of Justice or Department of the Treasury. Transfers of tangible property are not permitted. Agencies that transfer or receive equitable sharing funds must perform sub-recipient monitoring in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

5. Internal Controls. The Agency agrees to account separately for federal equitable sharing funds received from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury, funds from state and local forfeitures, joint law enforcement operations funds, and any other sources must not be commingled with federal equitable sharing funds.

The Agency certifies that equitable sharing funds are maintained by its jurisdiction and the funds are administered in the same manner as the jurisdiction's appropriated or general funds. The Agency further certifies that the funds are subject to the standard accounting requirements and practices employed by the Agency's jurisdiction in accordance with the requirements set forth in the *Guide*, any subsequent updates, and the Code of Federal Regulations, including the requirement to maintain relevant documents and records for five years.

The misuse or misapplication of equitably shared funds or assets or supplantation of existing resources with shared funds or assets is prohibited. The Agency must follow its jurisdiction's procurement policies when expending equitably shared funds. Failure to comply with any provision of the *Guide*, any subsequent updates, and the Code of Federal Regulations may subject the Agency to sanctions.

6. Single Audit Report and Other Reviews. Audits shall be conducted as provided by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The Agency must report its equitable sharing expenditures on the jurisdiction's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) under Assistance Listing Number 16.922 for Department of Justice and 21.016 for Department of the Treasury. The

Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury reserve the right to conduct audits or reviews.

7. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Information provided in this Document is subject to the FOIA requirements of the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury. Agencies must follow local release of information policies.

8. Waste, Fraud, or Abuse. An Agency or governing body is required to immediately notify the Department of Justice's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section and the Department of the Treasury's Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture of any allegations or theft, fraud, waste, or abuse involving federal equitable sharing funds.

Civil Rights Cases

During the past fiscal year: (1) has any court or administrative agency issued any finding, judgment, or determination that the Agency discriminated against any person or group in violation of any of the federal civil rights statutes listed above; or (2) has the Agency entered into any settlement agreement with respect to any complaint filed with a court or administrative agency alleging that the Agency discriminated against any person or group in violation of any of the federal civil rights statutes listed above?

Yes No

Agency Head

Name: GASCÓN, GEORGE
Title: District Attorney
Email: GGascon@da.lacounty.gov

Signature: _____ Date: 07/05/2024

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided on this ESAC is true and accurate and has been reviewed and authorized by the Law Enforcement Agency Head whose name appears above. Entry of the Agency Head name above indicates his/her agreement to abide by the Guide, any subsequent updates, and the Code of Federal Regulations, including ensuring permissibility of expenditures and following all required procurement policies and procedures.

Governing Body Head

Name: Horvath, Lindsey
Title: Chair
Email: ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov



Signature: _____ Date: 08/06/2024

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Agency's current fiscal year budget reported on this ESAC is true and accurate and the Governing Body Head whose name appears above certifies that the agency's budget has not been supplanted as a result of receiving equitable sharing funds. Entry of the Governing Body Head name above indicates his/her agreement to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the Guide, any subsequent updates, and the Code of Federal Regulations.

I certify that I have obtained approval from and I am authorized to submit this form on behalf of the Agency Head and the Governing Body Head.

ATTEST: EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By Maria Oleceda, Deputy

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, Delivery of this document has been made.

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Maria Oleceda
Deputy

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