

E. Permissible/Impermissible Uses of Drug Forfeiture Monies/Proceeds/Property

Permissible Use Examples

- To provide necessary equipment used for the enforcement of drug laws.
- To provide necessary field or office equipment to support a drug task force
- Law enforcement training as related to the enforcement of drug laws
- Asset Forfeiture Training
- Search and Seizure Training as related the enforcement of drug laws
- Travel and transportation expenses related to the enforcement of drug laws
- Drug and gang education/awareness programs for the public
- Cost of drug forfeiture asset accounting and tracking
- Language assistance services related to the enforcement of drug laws
- “Buy”, “Flash” or “Reward” money related to the enforcement of drug laws
- General law enforcement equipment or needs, up to the percentage it is used toward the enforcement of drug laws.
- Training, equipment, maintenance and administrative costs related to K9’s used for the enforcement of drug laws.
- Overtime for officers engaged in the enforcement of drug laws.
- Conveyances obtained under drug forfeitures may be utilized for the enforcement of any criminal laws. **However, upon disposal, the proceeds from sale of the vehicle must be used for drug enforcement purposes.**

Impermissible Use Examples

- Replacing the general law enforcement budget of a municipality with forfeiture proceeds.
- An agency should not include anticipated forfeited assets in a budget proposal.
- General salaries of law enforcement personnel.
- Forfeiture funds to reconcile previous improper spending of funds.
- Awarded equipment for general law enforcement use (weapons, vehicles, etc.) not related to drug enforcement.
- Awarded property and conveyances by non-law enforcement personnel.
- Purchase of food or beverages (except small amounts used during a drug enforcement operation).
- Awarded televisions for posting court dockets in county courthouses, or for use in exercise rooms, break rooms, etc.
- Awarded Xbox or PlayStation used for other than as a DVD player for drug enforcement.
- Awarded vehicles to be placed in storage pending the one year provision before sale