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Interim Policy Guidance Regarding Use of Equitable Sharing Funds
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I would like to make GACP members aware that *The Department of Justice Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (2009)*, section VII.A.1 and 2 have been revised. The changes are only applicable to DOJ equitable sharing funds and will be incorporated into the next guide edition.

Updates in the revision include allowing agencies to use funds for public safety facility construction, purchase of multi-use equipment, and other items such as defibrillators. Also included the removal of the 15% guideline regarding use of the funds for Community-based Programs. The annual amount allowed has been changed to allow \$25,000 annually. Also, Equitable Sharing Funds can no longer be used to pay for the first year salary and benefits for position.

According to the USDOJ's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS), these changes are effective immediately, although expenditures that an agency has committed to following the 2009 *Guide* will be permitted through the end of the particular agency's fiscal year.

Please review the attached *Equitable Sharing Wire* for a more detailed description of the changes to Equitable Sharing