



EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

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Fact Sheet Regarding 12/21/2015 Rescission Announcement

Dear State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency,

Many of you have asked questions about the Department's recent deferral of equitable sharing payments. In response, we are providing the attached [fact sheet](#) with further information and background about the budget situation and the Department's ongoing efforts to support our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners.

We want to emphasize that the Equitable Sharing Program remains up and running. While equitable sharing payments are on hold until the funding situation improves, we continue to review and process requests for sharing with the goal that, if the budget situation improves, we will be able to resume payments with only minimal processing time. Meanwhile, the Asset Forfeiture Program continues to provide separate funding for Joint Law Enforcement Operations (JLEO) – "overtime payments" – in support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement.

We hope you find the fact sheet helpful. Please let us know if you have further questions. We value your critical partnerships in our law enforcement efforts and thank you for all you do to keep our communities and our nation safe. We will continue to keep you updated if there are any further changes, and appreciate your continued support of, and collaboration with, our law enforcement efforts.

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Websites

Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program
www.justice.gov/criminal/afmls/equitable-sharing/

Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture

www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/The-Executive-Office-for-Asset-Forfeiture.aspx