



EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

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Updated Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

The Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) and the Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture (TEOAF) will be releasing an updated annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) report on November 12, 2018, to improve the quality of the data collected. While the new form will look similar to the current form, please note some of the important changes below.

- ◆ Both the jurisdiction's finance contact and the law enforcement agency's finance contact are now required. These individuals cannot be the same person. The jurisdiction's finance contact is the head of the finance department within the city, county, or state where the funds are maintained and expenditures are processed. The agency's finance contact is the individual within the law enforcement agency.
- ◆ The "Other Income" section now provides the following four categories for agencies to report the type of other income: 1) proceeds from the sale of items purchased with shared funds; 2) reimbursements as required by MLARS or TEOAF; 3) adjustments as directed by MLARS or TEOAF; and 4) Other.
- ◆ Single Audit information is a new section that will require information regarding the jurisdiction's annual Single Audit. The jurisdiction will be required to identify the independent auditing firm used by the jurisdiction and the Harvester Database number for the jurisdiction's prior fiscal year's Single Audit.

An updated ESAC User Guide that walks users through each section of the form is available in the eShare Portal Resources link. If you have questions, please contact your [ACA state representative](#) or email mlars.esprogram@usdoj.gov.

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To ensure federal processing costs to facilitate equitable sharing payment wire transfers are covered, the minimum amount for equitable sharing payments is now \$500.00 pursuant to Section IV.F of the [Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies](#). Agencies should continue to submit sharing request forms on all seizures for which they provided assistance. The payment threshold will be implemented at the time of payment so no action is needed by the requesting agency.

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Websites

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

Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture

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