



EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

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Equitable Sharing Account Maintenance Requirements

Agencies may not maintain or have direct access to their funds. This applies to all agencies, regardless of whether the agency head is constitutionally elected or appointed.

Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Program funds are federal financial assistance as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.40 and are governed by several provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as well as the Departments' [Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies](#) (July 2018) (*Guide*). Section VI.A of the *Guide* requires equitable sharing funds to be maintained by the governing body (e.g., the city or county finance department, County Treasurer or County Auditor, or State Comptroller) and administered in the same manner as the agency's appropriated funds.

This policy ensures adherence to the CFR internal control requirements and promotes full transparency and accountability of funds. Agencies found to be in violation of Program policies may be designated non-compliant and risk future participation in the Program.

If an agency's banking information changes, an updated [UFMS Vendor Form](#) must be completed and submitted to the United States Marshals Service. Agencies or jurisdictions with questions regarding the maintenance of funds should contact the [Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section](#).

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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