

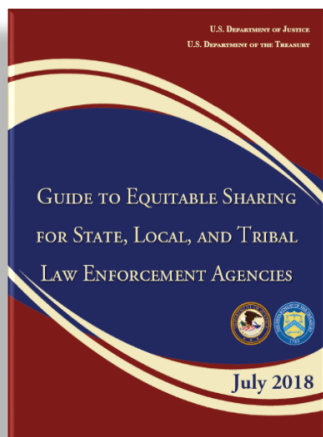


# EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

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## Joint Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies Changes

On July 23, 2018, the Department of Justice's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) and the Department of the Treasury's Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture (TEOAF) released the new joint [\*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies\*](#) (*Guide*).



### Change to Task Force Participation

Section II.D of the *Guide* requires equitable sharing payments to be paid either to an agency serving as the task force's fiduciary or directly to the task force member agencies. No payments will be made directly to task forces.

Since the *Guide* was issued, MLARS has conducted multiple Webinars for task forces and federal agencies to explain the process and time frame regarding the deployment of this new policy. Task forces should review their current business model and determine the appropriate path forward.

MLARS has already designated many task forces ineligible and coordinated with the new fiduciary regarding future filings and payments. In the coming weeks, the remaining task forces will be designated ineligible and

MLARS will contact the task forces directly to discuss closeout procedures. If your task force is ready to closeout, please email [MLARS](#) for assistance.

## Visit us at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

Stop by and visit us at booth 2279 at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, Florida October 7-9, 2018. Limited copies of the new joint *Guide* will be available.



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### Websites

**Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program**  
[www.justice.gov/criminal-mlars/equitable-sharing-program](http://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](http://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/The-Executive-Office-for-Asset-Forfeiture.aspx)