

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Robert D. Spoden, Sheriff  
INITIATED BY



Diane Michaelis  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

September 2, 2015  
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Sheriff's 2015 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for  
Rifles and Vehicle Repairs**

1 **WHEREAS**, federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with  
2 participating state and local law enforcement agencies through the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture  
3 Program; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law  
6 enforcement purposes only; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement, and it must increase, not supplant  
9 the recipient's appropriated operating budget; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, for their participation in the program, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of  
12 \$17,146; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase tactical patrol rifles and to pay for  
15 repairs on an unmarked vehicle.  
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
18 this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015 that the 2015 budget be amended as follows:  
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<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget 01/01/15</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-46000			
Contributions	\$2,227.00	\$17,146.00	\$19,373.00
<b>Use of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-62410			
Repair & Maintenance Vehicles	\$0.00	\$3,526.00	\$3,526.00
21-2195-0000-67160			
Capital Assets \$500-\$4,999	\$0.00	\$13,620.00	\$13,620.00

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT**

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

Mary Beaver  
Mary Beaver, Chair

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Henry Brill  
Henry Brill

Mary Mawhinney  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Terry Fell  
Terry Fell

Brian Knudson  
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Larry Wiedenfeld  
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FISCAL NOTE:


This resolution authorizes a transfer in from the Sheriff's FBI Forfeiture account, A/C 00-0000-0070-29637, which has a current balance of \$26,659.23.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

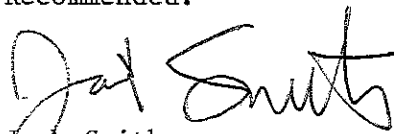
As an amendment to the adopted 2015 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Executive Summary**  
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The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations and deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes. Federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies.

Equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only. The intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement. It must increase, not supplant the recipient's appropriated operating budget.

For their participation in the program, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$17,146. The Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase tactical patrol rifles for the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and to pay for repairs on an unmarked vehicle.

Each tactical patrol rifle will be equipped with a 10.5 inch barrel, an EOTech sight, pop-up iron sights, a vertical fore grip with a flashlight, and a collapsible stock. The rifles are similar to the new rifles that the SWAT team will be purchasing from the 2015 budget.

SIU currently has five M-16 Vietnam era rifles assigned to the unit. These rifles are not adequate for deployment in most circumstances that SIU investigators encounter.

The current rifles are long and bulky. The SIU rifles need to be small enough to manipulate and deploy from inside a civilian type vehicle. A short barrel rifle is a better option for clearing a room inside of a residence and for conducting rescues.

The current rifles are difficult to use in low light or dark situations because of the lack of flash lights and because of the design of the sights.

In addition to the rifles, the Sheriff's Office plans to spend \$3,526 on repairs to an unmarked vehicle previously acquired from a seizure.

<u>Ct</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
6	Rifles	\$981	\$5,886
6	Accessory sets	\$1,289	<u>\$7,734</u>
6	Total Rifles		\$13,620
1	Vehicle Repair		<u>\$3,526</u>
	Grand Total		\$17,146