



# Norman Police Department



## Use of Seizure Funds

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State Law - 63 O.S. § 2-506

Federal Law - 21 U.S.C. § 881



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## State Funds

- The City's arrangement with the District Attorney's Office regarding seizures and forfeitures is governed by 63 O.S. § 2-506.
- Forfeited funds not used by the state are to be maintained in a revolving fund in the office of the county treasurer where the property was seized.



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- Under 63 O.S. § 2-506, District Attorneys can share forfeited funds with municipalities.
- Norman Police Department Agreement  
75% NPD / 25% Cleveland County District Attorney
- While § 2-506 requires district attorneys to use forfeited funds “solely for enforcement of controlled dangerous substances laws, drug abuse prevention, and drug abuse education, there is no such limitation for municipal police departments.





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## Federal Funds

- The use of federal funds is governed by 21 U.S.C. § 881.
- The distribution is based on an agency's participation in a case.
- Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies – forfeited funds can be used for patrol cars and surveillance vehicles.



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## Summary

- State law does not limit how municipal police department can spend forfeited funds seized by a municipal police department.
- The DOJ has expressly asserted the seized funds forfeited under federal law can be used to purchase patrol and surveillance vehicles.
- The Norman Police Department proposes using forfeited funds to purchase law enforcement vehicles.



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## Seizure Fund Balances

December 31, 2022

State	\$1,274,296
Federal	247,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,521,725</b>





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- Cost to purchase and outfit a police unit will be \$75,000 .
- To purchase 14 of the police vehicles on the fleet replacement list the cost would roughly be \$1,050,000.
- Staff proposes including this amount in the FYE 2024 budget.



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QUESTIONS