

- d. **Law enforcement equipment**—Costs associated with the purchase, lease, maintenance (including repairs or service agreements), or operation of law enforcement equipment for use by law enforcement personnel that supports law enforcement activities. Examples include furniture, file cabinets, office supplies, telecommunications equipment, copiers, safes, fitness equipment, computers, computer accessories and software, body armor, uniforms, firearms, radios, cellular telephones, electronic surveillance equipment, vehicles (e.g., patrol and unmarked vehicles), and animals and animal-related expenses.
- e. **Joint law enforcement/public safety operations**—Costs associated with the purchase of multi-use equipment and operations used by both law enforcement and non-law enforcement personnel. Examples include 911 call center equipment, defibrillators, search and rescue boats, aircraft, and diving equipment. These expenditures are exempt from the pro-rata calculation. This provision does not include equipment to be used solely by non-law enforcement personnel, such as fire and EMS vehicles.
- f. **Contracts for services**—Costs associated with a contract for a specific service that supports or enhances law enforcement is permitted. Examples include translation and language assistance services, staffing and feasibility studies, auditor to perform an audit of equitable sharing funds, subject matter expert, grant writer, or software developer. Employment-related contracts or contracts involving inherently law enforcement functions are prohibited. Examples include hiring an attorney, investigator, or civilian personnel to perform tasks typically or previously performed by agency or jurisdiction personnel. Under no circumstances should a contract for service be entered into where the payment of that service is based on a percentage of the seizures and forfeitures of the law enforcement agency.
- g. **Law enforcement travel and per diem**—Costs associated with travel and transportation to perform or in support of law enforcement duties and activities. All related costs must be in accordance with the jurisdiction's per diem policy and must not create the appearance of extravagance or impropriety.
- h. **Law enforcement awards and memorials**—Costs associated with the purchase of plaques, certificates, and challenge coins for law enforcement personnel in recognition of a law enforcement achievement, activity, or training. Shared funds may not be used to pay awards in the form of cash or cash equivalents or stored value cards.

Shared funds may be used to pay the costs for commemorative plaques, displays, or memorials on law enforcement property that serve to recognize or memorialize a law enforcement officer's contributions, such as a memorial plaque or stone in honor of an agency's officers killed in the line of duty. The plaque, display, or memorial must not create the appearance of extravagance.
- i. **Drug, gang, and other prevention or awareness programs**—Costs associated with conducting law enforcement agency awareness programs. Examples include public service announcements, meeting costs, motivational speakers, and items used or distributed by the agency such as child identification kits and anti-crime items, literature, or software. See Section V.B.1.k for supporting non-law enforcement agency community-based programs.