



To: Active, Professional and Life Members
From: Frank V. Rotondo, Executive Director
Re: 20160328-61 Equitable Sharing Resumed
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Earlier today, Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced that the deferral of payments via the equitable sharing program has been lifted. The following summary of the details have been shared with us by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia:

- Agencies will receive the full amount of approved equitable sharing payments.
- DOJ will first process payments that were ready for payment prior to the rescission of equitable sharing on December 21, 2015.
- All equitable sharing payment approved after December 21, 2015 will be paid on a "first in, first out" basis.
- Payments will begin immediately, and DOJ has modified the current disbursement system to streamline and speed up the large number of payments that are in the system now and through the end of the fiscal year.
- Agencies will be notified in the usual manner when specific equitable sharing payments will be made (i.e., through email notification).
- DOJ is confident that that the Assets Forfeiture Fund will remain solvent through the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends on September 30, 2016.
- For Fiscal Year 2017, DOJ anticipates fully funding the Equitable Sharing Program - assuming that our budget request to Congress is enacted.

You can view the Equitable Sharing Reactivation letter by [CLICKING HERE](#).
To review the Fact Sheet for Resumption of Equitable Sharing Payment by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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