

Nonrecurring General Law Enforcement

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Drug Fund money also can be spent for general law enforcement purposes. Unlike drug enforcement expenditures, general law enforcement expenditures must be *nonrecurring*. Generally, nonrecurring expenditures are capital expenditures, but not all qualifying expenditures will be capital expenditures. Basically, a city cannot spend Drug Fund money for ongoing, operational items.

Some examples of allowable nonrecurring, general law enforcement expenditures include:

- Patrol and administrative vehicles;
- Blue lights, sirens, radios, and radar units for the vehicles;
- Video cameras, both for vehicle units and camcorders and body cameras;
- Handguns but not ammunition (Ammunition for a drug enforcement officer is allowable as a drug enforcement expenditure.);
- Fax machines and copiers;
- Cellular telephones for general law enforcement and administrative officers, but not the monthly bill;
- Non-drug patrol dogs but not food or veterinary services.

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