

Law Enforcement Support Office Program in Washington State FACT SHEET

What is the Law Enforcement Support Office (1033 program)

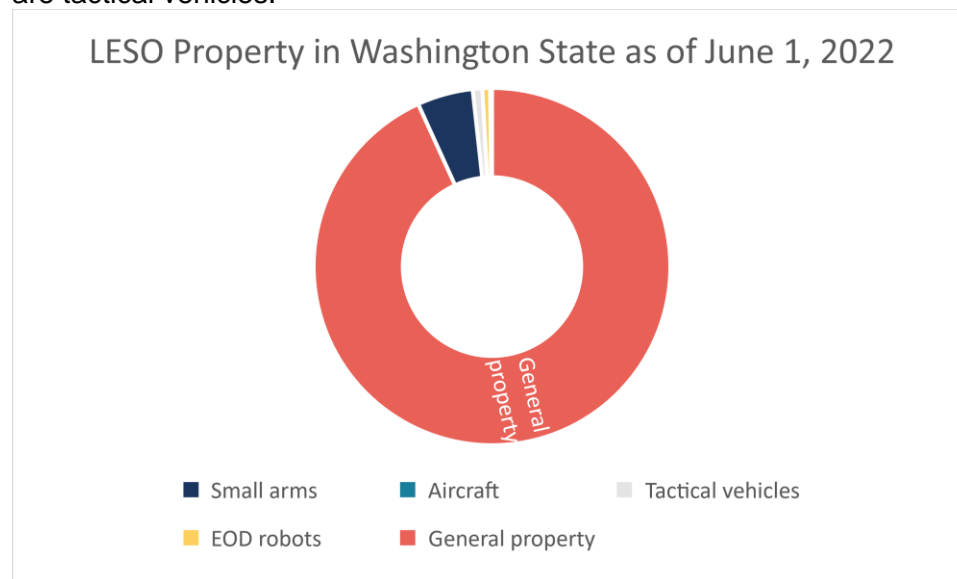
The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program allows transfer of excess Department of Defense property that might otherwise be destroyed to law enforcement agencies across the United States and its territories. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 1997 established the program.

What role does the Department of Enterprise Services play in transferring DoD surplus property in Washington state?

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) is appointed by the Governor as the authorized coordinator between state law enforcement agencies and LESO. DES reviews and approves requests for surplus military property and tracks the equipment once it is transferred to law enforcement agencies in Washington state. DES is also responsible for training, certification, compliance reviews and ensuring law enforcement agencies maintain property a property accounting system that includes information on property received, transferred and turned in to the LESO Program.

What sort of military property is available through the LESO Program?

Requisitions from law enforcement agencies cover the spectrum of items used by the U.S. military including clothing, office supplies, tools, rescue equipment, vehicles, and small arms. Of the excess equipment provided through the program, only 5% are weapons and less than 1% are tactical vehicles.



How does the LESO Program benefit taxpayers?

Because the property has already been purchased by taxpayers, agencies only pay for the cost of transfer. On average, law enforcement agencies that have taken advantage of the LESO

program save Washington state taxpayers more than \$40 million dollars that would otherwise be spent purchasing new items.

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