

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2021HIDTA TASK FORCE GROUP 2

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for Reimbursement of Overtime Costs in an Amount Up to \$134,261.00 for Participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2 for Fiscal Year 2021, Authorize Execution of Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for reimbursement of overtime costs for participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2 for Fiscal Year 2021;
 2. Authorize the execution of an Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement governing the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2 equitable sharing requests and participation in the United States Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program;
 3. Authorize the acceptance of funds, in an amount up to \$134,261.00, for the reimbursement of overtime costs for seven officers assigned to the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2; and
 4. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to \$134,261.00, upon execution of the agreement.
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DISCUSSION:

Since 1999, the City of Fort Worth has worked cooperatively with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to address the problem of drug trafficking in North Texas through various task forces. The Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force Group 2 (Task Force) seeks to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the City of Fort Worth by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations, gathering and reporting intelligence data relating to trafficking of narcotics and other dangerous drugs, and by conducting undercover operations where appropriate.

The Task Force will also engage in other traditional methods of investigations in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution in both state and federal courts.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign seven officers to the HIDTA Task Force. The City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed by the DEA for overtime expenses related to the department's participation in the Task Force in an amount up to \$134,261.00. Benefits such as retirement, FICA and other expenses are not reimbursable. This is a reimbursement agreement and indirect costs are prohibited. No matching funds are required.

This Task Force serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: US DOJ DEA

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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