

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for Reimbursement of Overtime Costs in an Amount Up to \$19,180.00 for Participation in the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth Task Force 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 participation in the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth Task Force for Fiscal Year 2021;
 2. Authorize the execution of an Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement governing the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth Task Force 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 \$19,180.00, for the reimbursement of overtime costs for one officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth Task Force; and
 4. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount up to \$19,180.00, upon execution of the agreement.
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DISCUSSION:

The trafficking of controlled substance pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals continues to be a problem that has substantial effects on the health and welfare of the people of Tarrant County. Since 2016, the City of Fort Worth has worked cooperatively with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth Task Force. The Task Force investigates, disrupts, and dismantles individuals and organizations involved in diversion schemes (e.g., "doctor shopping", prescription forgery and prevalent retail-level violators) of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals in Tarrant County. Duties also include investigating, gathering and reporting of intelligence data, and conducting undercover operations relating to the trafficking of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign one officer to the DEA Tactical Diversion Group Fort Worth 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 \$19,180.00. 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 Other 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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