

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2021HIDTA TASK FORCE GROUP 2 SURGE

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 \$19,180.00 for Participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2 SURGE for Fiscal Year 2021, 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 SURGE for Fiscal Year 2021;
 2. Authorize the acceptance of an amount up to \$19,180.00 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for one officer assigned to the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force Group 2 SURGE for one year; and
 3. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount of \$19,180.00, 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 SURGE (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 one officer to the Texoma HIDTA Task Force Group 2 SURGE. 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 an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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