

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2019-20 HIDTA SURGE

SUBJECT

Ratify Execution of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, for Reimbursement of Overtime Costs in an Amount Up to \$36,687.50 for Participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Western Drug Squad/Group 2 SURGE Program Task Force for Fiscal Years 2019 & 2020, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify 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 Western Drug Squad/Group 2 SURGE Program for Fiscal Years 2019 & 2020;
 2. Authorize the acceptance of an amount up to \$36,687.50 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for one officer assigned to the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Western Drug Squad/Group 2 SURGE Program Task Force for two years; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount of \$36,687.50, 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) Western Drug Squad/Group 2 SURGE Program 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 currently will assign one officer to the HIDTA Western Drug Squad SURGE Program 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 not to exceed \$36,687.50. Benefits such as retirement, FICA and other expenses are not reimbursable. No matching funds are required. This is a reimbursement agreement and indirect costs are prohibited.

This task force serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required for this contract because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Drug Enforcement Administration

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, execution of the Agreement and the adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. This is a reimbursement grant. The Police Department is responsible for requesting all reimbursements.

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