

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2022HIDTA DFW AIRPORT TASK FORCE

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 \$58,116.00 for Participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Dallas Fort Worth Airport Task Force for Fiscal Year 2022. Authorize Execution of Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement and Adopt Attached 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 Dallas Fort Worth Airport Task Force for Fiscal Year 2022;
 2. Authorize the execution of an Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement governing the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Dallas Fort Worth Airport Task Force equitable sharing requests and participation in the United States Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program;
 3. Authorize the acceptance of an amount up to \$58,116.00 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for three officers assigned to the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Dallas Fort Worth Airport Task Force for two years; and
 4. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount of \$58,116.00, for the purpose of reimbursements of overtime costs for participation in the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Dallas Fort Worth Airport Task Force for Fiscal Year 2022.
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DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth has worked cooperatively with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration to address the problem of drug trafficking in North Texas through various task forces. The Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Task Force seeks to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the Fort Worth area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations, gathering and reporting intelligence data relating to trafficking of narcotics and 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 activities will result in prosecution in both state and federal courts.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign three officers to the Texoma HIDTA DFW Airport Task Force. The City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for overtime expenses related to the department's participation in the Task Force in an amount up to \$58,116.00. 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: United States Department of Justice- Drug Enforcement Administration

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 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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