

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY 24 TARRANT REGIONAL AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County to Participate in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force, Authorize Acceptance of a Grant Award for the Tarrant County Regional Auto Crimes Task Force in the Amount of \$133,870.00, Authorize Transfer from the General Fund of \$33,468.00 to the Grants Operating State Fund for the City's Match Requirement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County to participate in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force;
2. Authorize the acceptance of grant funding award for the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force in the amount of \$133,870.00;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance reallocating appropriations in the General Fund for the Police Department by decreasing appropriations from Salary and Benefits category in the amount of \$33,468.00 and increasing appropriations in the Transfers & Other category by the same amount; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund, (1) in the amount of \$133,870.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, and (2) in the amount of \$33,468.00, as a transfer from the General Fund, as the City's match requirement, for a total of \$167,338.00, for the purpose of funding participation in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth has been an active participant in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force) since 1993. As auto crimes continue to evolve, a cooperative effort is necessary to effectively detect and eradicate automobile-related crimes. The Task Force uses coordinated and cooperative enforcement, crime prevention techniques, and technology to investigate auto crimes. Task Force participation for the new Fiscal Year of the grant has increased to eleven local agencies along with Tarrant County. The Task Force is grant-funded through the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. The City of Fort Worth is a sub-recipient of the grant.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign one detective to the Task Force. The grant funds will reimburse eighty percent of salary and fringe in the amount of \$133,870.00 to the City for the detective assigned and authorized overtime up to five percent of annual salary. The agreement requires match funds of twenty percent for salary and fringe in the amount of \$33,468.00 from the General Fund. The detective selected for the task force is budgeted 100 percent to the General Fund to perform work related to auto crimes. The combined grant funding and City's match represent the total compensation budget for this position.

Indirect costs are not allowable expenses under this grant.

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: Tarrant County

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

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

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