

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 35FY24 OCDETF

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice for Participation in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, Accept an Amount Up to \$25,000.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice for participation in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force; and
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount up to \$25,000.00, for reimbursable funds for the Police Department's participation in the task force.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

Since Fiscal Year 2006, federal funds have been appropriated to fund overtime to police officers for the detection, investigation, and prosecution of drug crimes against the United States through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). There are several federal agencies that participate in the OCDETF such as, but not limited to, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. At different times and stages of the investigation, officers may be requested to be added to the task force. At this point, the OCDETF issues an addendum to the agreement that may lead to a request for an increase in the appropriations. To avoid delays in pending investigations, the Police Department is requesting City Council to authorize the execution of OCDETF agreements and addendums and to increase appropriations for overtime to police officers, on an as-needed basis.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), police officers assigned to OCDETF will assist in investigations, strategic initiatives, and prosecutions, as required by the federal agency. The City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed by the United States Department of Justice for overtime expenses related to the department's participation in the Task Force in an amount of up to \$25,000.00.

The agreement remains in effect for the duration of the agency's participation in the task force and may be terminated at any time upon mutual consent of the parties with at least a 30-day notice to terminate. This is a reimbursement agreement and indirect costs are not allowed. The City of Fort Worth is not required to provide matching funds.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: US Department of Justice

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## **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 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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