

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Execution of Task Force Agreement and Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, Authorize the Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Overtime Expenditures in an Amount Up to \$22,155.25 for Participation in the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Task Force for Fiscal Year 2026, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the execution of a task force agreement and asset forfeiture sharing agreement with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for participation in the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Task Force for Fiscal Year 2026;
2. Authorize the acceptance of reimbursement funds for overtime expenditures in an amount up to \$22,155.25 for participation in the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Task Force for Fiscal Year 2026; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, in an amount up to \$22,155.25, for the purpose of funding participation in the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The trafficking of controlled substance pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals continues to be a problem that has substantial effects on the health and welfare of Fort Worth and surrounding areas. Since 2016, the City of Fort Worth has worked cooperatively with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Tactical Diversion Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force is a joint effort of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies working together to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle individuals and organizations involved in diversion schemes (e.g., "doctor shopping", prescription forgery and prevalent retail-level violators) of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals in the Fort Worth area. Duties also include investigating, gathering and reporting of intelligence data, and conducting undercover operations relating to the trafficking of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign one officer to the DEA Tactical Diversion 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 up to \$22,155.25. The City of Fort Worth will be responsible for officer salaries and associated fringe benefits. Indirect costs do not apply. There is no required match. There is no grant application repository number, as the Police Department does not apply for these funds.

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 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 expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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