

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Overtime Expenditures and Other Expenditures in an Amount Up to \$120,000.00 for Participation in the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force for Fiscal Years 2025-2028, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of reimbursement funds for overtime expenditures and other expenditures in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for participation in the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force for Fiscal Years 2025-2028; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for participation in the United States Secret Service Cyber Fraud Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The United States Secret Service (USSS) has merged two of its task forces into a single unified network, the Cyber Fraud Task Force. The mission of the Cyber Fraud Task Force (CFTF) is to prevent, detect, and mitigate complex cyber enabled crimes. The CFTF allows for better data sharing, institutional alliance, and investigative skills development. The Treasury Forfeiture Act of 1992, 31 U.S.C. § 9705 authorized the payment of certain overtime expenditures, travel, fuel, training, equipment, and other similar costs of State and Local law enforcement officers, that are involved in joint operations.

Mayor and Council Communication (M&C 21-0157) authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the USSS (City Secretary Contract No. 60808) to participate in the CFTF. The Fort Worth Police Department will assign two officers to the Cyber Fraud Task Force. The City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed by the USSS for overtime expenditures and other approved expenditures directly related to the department's participation in the CFTF. The maximum reimbursement for overtime cannot exceed \$15,000.00 per officer each Fiscal Year. Benefits such as retirement, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), and other expenditures are not reimbursable. This is a reimbursement agreement and indirect costs are prohibited. The City of Fort Worth will be responsible for officer salaries and associated fringe benefits. 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 Secret Service

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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