

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with the United States Secret Service for Participation in the Cyber Fraud Task Force, Authorize the Acceptance of Funds in an Amount Up to \$15,000.00 for the Reimbursement of Overtime Costs and Other Expenses for Participation in the Cyber Fraud Task Force, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an agreement with the United States Secret Service for participation in the Cyber Fraud Task Force;
  2. Authorize the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$15,000.00, for the reimbursement of overtime costs and other expenses for one officer assigned to the Cyber Fraud Task Force; and
  3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount up to \$15,000.00 upon execution of the agreement.
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## **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.

The Fort Worth Police Department will assign one officer to the Cyber Fraud Task Force. The City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed by the USSS for overtime costs and other expenses directly related to the department's participation in the CFTF in an amount up to \$15,000.00. 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 Secret Service

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

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