

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2021AUTOCRIMESTASKFORCE

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 \$115,014.00, Authorize Transfer from the Department - General Fund of \$28,753.50 to the Grants Operating State Fund for the City's Match Requirement and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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 \$115,014.00;
 3. Authorize the reallocation of appropriations in the Police Department General Fund, in the amount of \$28,753.50, from Salary & Benefits to Transfers & Other for the purpose of transferring to Grants Operating State Fund for the City's required match; and
 4. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amount of \$143,767.50, subject to receipt of grant funds, for participation in the Task Force.
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DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth has been an active participant in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force) since 1993. The Task Force uses coordinated and cooperative enforcement, crime prevention techniques and technology to investigate auto crimes. The Task Force is grant funded through the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, formerly known as Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. The City of Fort Worth is a sub-recipient of the grant.

Currently, seven municipal police agencies participate in the Task Force and are partially reimbursed for their participation. The Fort Worth Police Department will assign one detective to the Task Force. The grant funds will reimburse the City \$115,014.00 for the detective's salary, fringe benefits, and authorized overtime up to five percent of annual salary. The agreement requires a 20 percent match of \$28,753.50 from the General Fund. The detective selected for the task force was 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 ordinance, 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 expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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