

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance to Increase Appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the Amount of \$130,000.00 for Reimbursable Funds from the United States Marshals Service for the Fort Worth Police Department Fugitive Unit's Participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force for Fiscal Year 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$130,000.00, subject to receipt of funds, for the purpose of receiving reimbursable funds for the Fort Worth Police Department Fugitive Unit's participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force for fiscal year 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate reimbursable funds in the amount of \$130,000.00 for the Police Department Fugitive Unit's participation in the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF). The primary mission of the USMS VOTF is to investigate and arrest, as a part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active and federal warrants thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crime.

The Fugitive Unit has participated in this USMS VOTF for many years, most recently with M&C 19-0394 (approved December 2019) and City Secretary Contract No. 50153. The program operates pursuant to the Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000 (Public L. 106544; 28 U.S.C. §566 note), which provides for the establishment of permanent Fugitive Apprehension Task Forces consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities in designated regions of the United States, to be directed and coordinated by the United States Marshals Service, for the purpose of locating and apprehending fugitives.

The City receives asset forfeiture funds from the USMS to reimburse a portion of the City's expenditures associated with participation in the VOTF. Reimbursement is limited to overtime expenses related to the VOTF. The City of Fort Worth will be responsible for officer salaries and associated fringe benefits. Indirect expenses are not eligible for reimbursement. There is no required match.

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 Marshals Service

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of 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 an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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