

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 3523USMSINCREASE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance to Increase Appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the Amount of \$24,900.00 for Additional Reimbursable Funds from the United States Marshals Service for the Department Fugitive Unit's Participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force

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 \$24,900.00, subject to receipt of funds, for the purpose of receiving additional funds for the Fort Worth Police Department Fugitive Unit's participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force Project 101634 Fiscal Year 2018-22 United States Marshals Service Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate additional funds for the Police Department Fugitive Unit's participation in the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) project 101634 Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-22 USMS TF. On 2/16/2021, the City Council approved M&C 21-0123 to appropriate \$130,000.00 for reimbursable funds for overtime expenses related to VOTF participation. On 6/28/2021 a modification document was received from the USMS to increase funding for task force officer overtime. The additional appropriation of \$24,900.00 for project 101634 FY 2018-22 USMS TF, results in total reimbursable funds of \$154,900.00 to the City of Fort Worth. Adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance will provide capacity to account for the expenses to be reimbursed from the additional funds.

The Fugitive Unit has participated in the USMS VOTF for many years, most recently with M&C 21-0123 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 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 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: U.S. Department of Justice

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, 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 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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