

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 10/20/20

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0759

**LOG NAME:** 35FY2021 TASK FORCE GROUP FT. WORTH

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for Reimbursement of Overtime Costs in an Amount Up to \$129,467.00 for Participation in the Task Force Group Fort Worth for Fiscal Year 2021, Authorize Execution of Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement 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 Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for reimbursement of overtime costs for participation in the Task Force Group Fort Worth for Fiscal Year 2021;
  2. Authorize the execution of an Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement governing the Task Force Group Fort Worth Task Force equitable sharing requests and participation in the United States Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program;
  3. Authorize the acceptance of funds, in an amount up to \$129,467.00, for the reimbursement of overtime costs for five officers assigned to the Task Force Group Fort Worth; and
  4. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount up to \$129,467.00, upon execution of the agreement.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The Fort Worth Police Department has been an active partner in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force Group Fort Worth (Task Force) since its creation in 1985. Officers assigned to the Task Force perform activities designed to disrupt illicit drug trafficking in the Tarrant County area. The duties of the Task Force include gathering and reporting intelligence data related to trafficking narcotics and dangerous drugs, conducting undercover operations and engaging in other traditional methods of investigations.

Currently there are five officers assigned to the Task Force. Each officer must be detailed to the Task Force for a period of no less than two years. Pursuant to the agreement, the DEA will reimburse the City of Fort Worth up to \$19,180.00 per officer for the officers' overtime expenses. Additionally, the agreement reimburses the City of Fort Worth in an amount up to \$33,567.00 for a portion of one clerical employee's salary for performing administrative tasks related to the Task Force.

Indirect costs are not eligible for reimbursement. The City of Fort Worth is not required to provide matching funds.

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: US DOJ DEA

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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 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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