

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Overtime Expenditures in an Amount Up to \$243,705.00 for Participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force for Fiscal Year 2026 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of reimbursement funds for overtime expenditures in an amount up to \$243,705.00 for participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force for Fiscal Year 2026; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount up to \$243,705.00, for the purpose of funding participation in the United States Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate reimbursable funds in an amount up to \$243,705.00 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 25-0057 (approved January 2025) 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 of Fort Worth receives reimbursement from the USMS for overtime expenses incurred by assigned officers in support of the VOTF. Subject to availability of funding and advance approval from the USMS, other joint operation expenses such as travel, training, equipment, and supplies may be eligible for reimbursement. The City of Fort Worth will be responsible for officer salaries and associated fringe benefits. Indirect costs do not apply. There is no required match. There is no grant application repository number, as the Police Department does not apply for these funds.

This Task Force serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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

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