

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY22 SECURINGTHECITIES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston to Provide Funding for the Special Events Emergency Response Unit, Authorize Acceptance of an Award in the Amount Up to \$20,000.00 from the Department of Homeland Security through the City of Houston, Ratify the Acceptance of Equipment Valued in the Amount of \$600,000.00 from the Department of Homeland Security through the City of Houston, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston to provide funding for the Special Events Emergency Response Unit;
2. Authorize acceptance of an award in the amount up to \$20,000.00 from the Department of Homeland Security through the City of Houston;
3. Ratify the acceptance of equipment valued in the amount of \$600,000.00 from the Department of Homeland Security through the City of Houston; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of receiving reimbursable overtime funds as part of the Securing the Cities Program through the Department of Homeland Security.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Houston was selected by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for participation in Securing the Cities Program (STC). The STC program enhances the law enforcement's ability to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high-consequence events that pose a risk to homeland security. The program provides recipients with equipment and training to ensure detection is integrated into day-to-day activities. Recognizing the importance of the City of Fort Worth and the I-35 corridor to their effort, The City of Houston has decided to expand the STC program.

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the acceptance and execution of the award agreement. The City of Houston interlocal agreement has a start date of August 1st, 2022. Per the Interlocal Agreement, the City of Fort Worth will be reimbursed for expenses in the amount of up to \$20,000.00 for officer overtime during the radiological/nuclear detection training and The City of Fort Worth has received 800 personal radiation detection devices valued in the amount of \$600,000.00 (\$750.00 each). Once accepted the Fort Worth Police Department will train officers on how to use personal radiation detection devices and how to respond to radiological/nuclear incidents.

Indirect costs are not allowed under this Agreement. The City will be paid on a reimbursement basis.

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A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education:
Department of Homeland Security

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal 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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