

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY24-26 TCSO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Funding in an Amount Up to \$90,000.00, Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force for Three Years, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County to participate in the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force for three years;
2. Authorize the acceptance of federal grant pass-through funding for the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force in an amount up to \$90,000.00 (\$30,000.00 per year); and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in an amount up to \$90,000.00, subject to the receipt of grant, for the purpose of funding participation in the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth has been an active participant in the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force (Task Force) since 2016. The Task Force uses coordinated and cooperative enforcement, and crime prevention techniques and technology to investigate and combat human trafficking. The Task Force is grant-funded through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crimes, Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant. The City of Fort Worth is a sub-recipient of the grant.

Currently, seven municipal police agencies participate in the Task Force and are partially reimbursed for their participation. The Fort Worth Police Department will use the funds for overtime in an amount up to \$90,000.00 (\$30,000.00 per year). The grant funds will reimburse the detectives' and officers' overtime salary, including fringe benefits.

With the approval of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C), the City will execute an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County to continue its participation in the Task Force. This M&C also authorizes the City to accept grant funds for the Task Force, which will be appropriated in accordance with the attached ordinance.

Indirect costs are not allowable expenses under this Interlocal Agreement. This is a reimbursement grant.

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

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 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 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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