



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Office of National Drug Control Policy 2018 HIDTA Grant Modification

Summary

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of additional funding in the amount of \$70,640.00 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant. The additional funds will increase the total grant award from \$1,988,146.00 to \$2,058,786.00. The amount of \$70,640.00 will fund the San Antonio Police Department HIDTA Task Force Initiative for the grant period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019. City Council authorized the original award under City Ordinance 2017-10-12-0793, Item #11.

Background Information

The HIDTA mission is to reduce drug trafficking in the San Antonio metropolitan area by instituting innovative narcotic enforcement investigations and the seizure of illegally obtained assets in an effort to reduce the profitability of narcotics trafficking.

The San Antonio HIDTA Initiative, multi-agency task force, performs drug interdiction operations designed to enhance the Police Department's narcotics enforcement efforts. This program allows the unit to use task force concepts which provides the capability to cross jurisdictional boundaries by employing law enforcement officers from local, state, and federal levels. The program targets narcotics organizations by focusing on the middle to upper level traffickers, and investigates the distribution of narcotics and related enterprises. Members of this unit are trained to investigate money laundering, asset structuring, financial auditing, and to apply surveillance techniques necessary to develop intelligence and make arrests.

Issue

This ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City

crime prevention and enforcement programs, specifically addressing drug crime activity. The program from ONDCP will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with drug trafficking.

Alternatives

City Council could choose not to pursue this grant funding. However, that alternative would require the General Fund or the Confiscated Property Fund to expend \$20,000.00 in overtime, \$34,640.00 in services, and \$16,000 in other resources.

Fiscal Impact

This ordinance would authorize an increase in the grant award by \$70,640.00 from \$1,988,146.00 to \$2,058,786.00. The proposed re-program would increase the San Antonio Police Department HIDTA Task Force Budget from \$700,866.00 to \$771,526.00

The total proposed re-program budget would increase the grant award of \$1,988,146.00 to \$2,058,786.00. The proposed re-program will increase the San Antonio Police Department HIDTA Task Force budget, which focuses on HIDTA initiatives within San Antonio, from \$700,866.00 to \$771,526.00. A general fund cash match is not required.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant.