



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT HT-15-2537 WITH THE CITY OF TUCSON FOR THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA AND ACCEPT FUNDS FOR USE WITH THE ARIZONA WARRANT APPREHENSION NETWORK AND TACTICAL ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the entering into of grant agreement HT-15-2537 with the City of Tucson for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and authorize the City Manager or designee to accept funds in the amount of \$40,000 to provide overtime funding for the Arizona Warrant Apprehension Network and Tactical Enforcement Detail (AZWANTED) and execute all documents necessary to implement this program.

Background

Glendale Police Department (GPD) has been accepting federal HIDTA grants distributed by the City of Tucson since 2011. The AZWANTED initiative is an extension of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Violent Offender Task Force. GPD entered into a memorandum of understanding with USMS on March 8, 2011 to join the Task Force and assigned one full-time detective as part of a joint law enforcement operation. The detective assigned investigates and arrests persons who have active state and federal warrants. The intent of the joint effort is to apprehend local, state, and federal fugitives.

By participating in the AZWANTED initiative, additional GPD detectives have the opportunity to gain further training and experience in warrant apprehension. This additional training and experience ultimately benefits GPD through more efficient and effective coordination of the investigations and apprehensions of dangerous and wanted felons who reside and/or have committed violent crimes in the City of Glendale. The HIDTA grants are awarded yearly and allow continued overtime funding for the detectives working with designated Task Forces.

Analysis

The City of Tucson, as the HIDTA fiduciary, notifies participating agencies annually of the cycle awards. On March 2, 2015, GPD was notified of the \$40,000 award under grant number HT-15-2537 for use in overtime funding for the AZWANTED. If approved, the agreement will be in effect through December 31, 2016. Staff is recommending that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the entering into of grant agreement HT-15-2537, and further authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the funds and execute all documents necessary to implement this program.

Previous Related Council Action

On September 9, 2014, Council authorized the acceptance of the 2014 HIDTA grant and the grant adjustment from the City of Tucson in the total amount of \$40,000.

On August 13, 2013, Council authorized the acceptance of the 2013 HIDTA grant adjustment from the City of Tucson in the amount of \$20,800. This adjustment brought the total 2013 award to \$40,000.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Participation in the AZWANTED initiative assists GPD with more efficient and effective investigations, increasing the apprehension of fugitives, thereby reducing violent crime and improving public safety efforts in the City of Glendale.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no financial match required for this grant. A specific account will be established in Fund 1840, the city's grant fund, once the grant is accepted.