



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 1, 2025**

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE HIGH INTENSITY
DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA TASK FORCE IN THE REIMBURSEMENT
AMOUNT OF \$21,740.50 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Authorize a supplemental appropriation for the participation of the Riverside Police Department in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force in the amount of \$21,740.50.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record increase revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$21,740.50, or the amount of the actual award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area 24/25 Program revenue and expenditure accounts; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to receive reimbursement of funds for services performed in cooperation with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

March 15, 2022, the City Council increased revenues and authorized supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$533,475 in the Grants and Special Programs Fund for various programs including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to receive reimbursement of funds for services performed in cooperation with the task forces.

The HIDTA State and Local Task Force Agreement was made effective on October 1, 2022, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration and the City of Riverside on behalf of the Riverside Police Department concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. Section 873 for a term of four years ending September 30, 2026.

April 4, 2023, the City Council increased revenues and authorized supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$461,872.30 in the Grants and Special Programs Fund for various programs including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to receive reimbursement of funds for services performed in cooperation with the task forces.

April 23, 2024, the City Council increased revenues and authorized supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$328,928.50 in the Grants and Special Programs Fund for various programs including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to receive reimbursement of funds for services performed in cooperation with the task forces.

The City of Riverside falls within the Southwest Border HIDTA region. The HIDTA program enhances drug control efforts by providing additional resources to combat drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. RPD typically assigns one (1) detective to this task force. Task force overtime related to the Agreement between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the City of Riverside on behalf of the Riverside Police Department is reimbursed by the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration in an amount not to exceed a sum equivalent to 25% of the salary of a GS-12, Step 1 of the general pay scale for the rest of the United States. In Federal Fiscal Year 2024/2025 that amount is \$21,740.50.

DISCUSSION:

Task forces, like the HIDTA task force, help the Riverside Police Department to insure a well-coordinated law enforcement effort and increase the flow of intelligence information among the various law enforcement agencies in the region. This program is beneficial to the City and its policing efforts.

Funding in the amount of \$21,740.50 has been made available for the Riverside Police Department's participation in the HIDTA task force. This funding will be used for the reimbursement of overtime costs incurred by the detective assigned to the task force in the not to exceed amount of \$21,740.50 for Federal Fiscal Year 2024/25.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 Community Well-Being and Goal number No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department is dedicated to improving quality of life by creating a safe environment for the people it serves. RPD's ability to partner with Federal agencies serves to benefit the public safety of the City's diverse populations, and results in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – RPD provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. The

partnership between RPD and other law enforcement agencies helps provide equitable distribution of public safety services.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPD’s participation in the above-mentioned task force provides reimbursement for partnership opportunities and reduces the burden on the General Fund.
4. **Innovation** – RPD must constantly change and adapt to meet the changing technological environment. These partnerships provide the Department with additional resources and funding to achieve this goal.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The reimbursements from this program allow RPD to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensures the City’s capacity to preserves, adapt and grow.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total impact of this action is an increase in revenue and expenditures of \$21,740.50. Upon, Council approval, an increase in revenue and appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$21,740.50, or actual award amount, will be recorded in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force FY 2024/25 Program, revenue account number 9185100-331100 and expenditure account 9185100-411501.

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Attachments:

1. HIDTA State and Local Task Force Agreement October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2026
2. Notice of Limits for FY 2025 State and Local Overtime Reimbursements