



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 16, 2019

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE FOR JOINT COOPERATION IN CERTAIN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND OTHER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR APPROVED OVERTIME EXPENSES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$17,753, PER OFFICER, PER YEAR - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service for Joint Cooperation in Certain Narcotics Enforcement Actions and other criminal investigations including reimbursements for approved overtime expenses in an amount up to \$17,753 per officer, per year and authorize a supplemental appropriation in estimated revenue in the amount of \$17,753 to account 9166700681-33110000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to account 9166700681-44011000 for approved overtime expenses.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service for Joint Cooperation in Certain Narcotics Enforcement Actions and other criminal investigations including reimbursements for approved overtime expenses in an amount up to \$17,753 per officer, per year; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in estimated revenue in the amount of \$17,753 to account 9166700681-33110000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to account 9166700681-44011000 for approved overtime expenses; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service for Joint Cooperation in Certain Narcotics Enforcement Actions and other criminal investigations, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

Due to a growing number of packages containing money and/or illegal narcotics shipped to and from the City of Riverside via the United States Postal Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) has requested assistance from the Riverside Police Department (RPD) with narcotic related investigations on numerous occasions. These investigations routinely require the use of a narcotics/money detecting K-9 and personnel to safely follow up on leads. The RPD is currently assisting the USPIS on an as-needed basis.

DISCUSSION:

The USPIS and the RPD would like to formalize collaborative efforts with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU provides general information of the cooperative effort of both agencies to investigate and prosecute criminal offenses involving the trafficking of controlled substances, money laundering, mail and identity theft, as well as developing cases for criminal prosecution. In addition, the MOU provides reimbursement to RPD of approved overtime salary costs in an amount up to \$17,753 per officer, per year subject to the availability of USPIS funds. It is anticipated that only one officer will be allocated to this assignment for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The RPD will receive reimbursement for up to \$17,753 per officer, per year for overtime expenses related to investigations performed in regards to this MOU. The total Fiscal Impact for Fiscal Year 2019/20 is estimated to be \$17,753. Upon City Council approval a supplemental appropriation in estimated revenue in the amount of \$17,753 will be made to account 9166700681-33110000 and appropriation of expenditures in the same amount to account 9166700681-44011000 for approved overtime expenses.

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availability of funds:	Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Approved by:	Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form:	Gary G. Guess, City Attorney

Attachment:	Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Postal Inspection Service and the City of Riverside, California by and through its Police Department for Joint Cooperation in certain narcotics enforcement actions and other criminal investigations.
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