



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JANUARY 28, 2025

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS:** ALL

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE FUGITIVE TASK FORCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$189,000 FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the obligation document for the United States Marshals Service Regional Fugitive Task Force overtime reimbursement for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in the reimbursement amount not to exceed \$189,000 and approve a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the obligation document for the United States Marshals Service Regional Fugitive Task Force overtime reimbursement for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$189,000 and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the document; and
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$189,000, or in amount of the award, in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, US Marshals Service 24/25 Program revenue and expenditure accounts.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Marshals Services (USMS) regional fugitive task force investigates and arrests persons who have active state and federal warrants for their arrest. Violent offenders are the primary focus of the task force. Members of the Riverside Police Department are considered part of the USMS fugitive task force and provide support on an overtime basis which is reimbursed entirely to the City similar to firefighter mutual aid reimbursement.

DISCUSSION:

Task forces, like the USMS fugitive 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 \$189,000 has been made available for the Riverside Police Department's participation in the USMS task force. This funding will be used for the reimbursement of overtime costs incurred by officers assigned to the task force in the not to exceed amount of \$189,000 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 in partnership with the people it serves. RPD's ability to partner with Federal, County and local 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 community's changing needs and prepare for the future. These partnerships provide the Department with additional resources and funding to achieve this goal.
- 5. Sustainability & Resiliency** – The reimbursement from this program allows 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 fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenue and expenditures of \$189,000. Upon, Council approval, an increase in revenue and appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$189,000, will be recorded in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, US Marshals Service 24/25 Program, revenue account number 9183100-331100 and expenditure account 9183100-411501.

Due to the federal fiscal year, which spans October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, it is anticipated that approximately two-thirds of the funding in the amount of \$126,000 will be received in FY 2024/25 (July 1 through June 30), with the remaining funding in the approximate amount of \$63,000 received in FY 2025/26. The timing of the reimbursements may vary dependent upon overtime worked by assigned officers.

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Attachments:

1. Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Obligation Document
2. U.S. Marshals Services Regional Fugitive Task Force Memorandum of Understanding