

Legislation Text

File #: SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 24-004, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance approving the execution of an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the use of Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Award Funds, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City. (DEA Task Force)

Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

The Office of National Drug Control Policy ("ONDCP") has awarded 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("HIDTA") funding to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the region comprised of the states of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota for the purpose of combating the manufacture and importation of methamphetamine and the disruption of poly-drug trafficking organizations. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation ("KBI") is the designated fiscal agent for award proceeds to be distributed to state and local agencies participating in the Midwest HIDTA program within the region.

In June of 2023, the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri ("City") was awarded \$71,774.00 from the Midwest HIDTA award. Under the proposed addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree that the existing memorandum shall be amended to include an additional \$625.51 in grant funds to be distributed to the City bringing the revised total amount of the award to \$72,399.51.

The additional funds were identified by Midwest HIDTA and would be applied to grant # G22MW003A, which had a term of Jan 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023 but is in the process of being extended in an effort to allow for the distribution of the additional funds.

The City will continue to designate one Lee's Summit Police Department ("LSPD") officer to work on a special task force known as the Kansas City/Overland Park DEA Task Force.

The mission of the task force remains to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the Kansas City area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations, gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and conducting undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the task force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the States of Kansas and Missouri.

Partnering with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration will provide a force multiplier and assist the LSPD with combating and investigating local cases of controlled substances distribution, manufacturing, and abuse.

The additional funds will specifically be utilized for supplies and fuel.

Impact/Analysis:

This continued partnership will provide necessary support to the LSPD officer assigned to the task force including salary, vehicles, fuel, mobile phone, office space and supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training and overtime during the term of this agreement.

The LSPD will be able to force multiply with the DEA in combating locally the trafficking of controlled substances.

Proposed City Council Motions:

FIRST MOTION: I move for second reading of An Ordinance approving the execution of an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the use of Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Award Funds, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.

SECOND MOTION: I move for adoption of An Ordinance approving the execution of an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the use of Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Award Funds, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.

Major Nicole Walters, Police Department