

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 21-123, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance approving the execution of a 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. (FBI Combined Task Force) (F&BC 6/14/21)

Issue/Request:

An Ordinance approving the execution of a 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.

Key Issues:

This ordinance will authorize the Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit to enter into a MOU with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for the continued assignment of one Lee's Summit Police Officer to the Kansas City FBI Combined Task Force. As part of the LSPD Officer's participation in the task force, the City of Lee's Summit will receive an award of \$63,470.00 from the 2021 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) funding that is administered locally through KBI.

Background:

The Office of National Drug Control Policy ("ONDCP") has awarded 2021 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 April 2021, the LSPD was awarded \$63,470.00, which will be used to partially cover the salary of a detective currently assigned to the FBI Combined Task Force. Under the proposed memorandum of understanding, the City designates one Lee's Summit Police Department ("LSPD") officer to work on a special task force known as the Kansas City FBI Combined Task Force.

A LSPD detective has been embedded with the FBI Combined Task Force since 2009 due to several high-profile investigations involving a number of violent street gangs participating in drug trafficking and other crimes. This collaborative partnership has been extremely valuable to the LSPD due to the ability to combine resources with the FBI and other participating agencies.

Staff is seeking the approval of an ordinance which will authorize the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the KBI for the continued assignment of one LSPD detective to the Kansas City FBI Combined Task Force.

The term of the award starts January 1, 2021 and finishes December 31, 2022.

Impact/Analysis:

With this partnership, the FBI 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 purpose 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 FBI in combating locally the trafficking of controlled substances.

Proposed City Council Committee Motion: I move to recommend to the City Council for approval of an Ordinance approving the execution of a 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.

Proposed City Council Motion:

FIRST MOTION: I move for a second reading of an Ordinance approving the execution of a 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 a 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

Staff recommend approval of an Ordinance approving the execution of a 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.