CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Change in Employee Complement West Des Moines Police Department – Federal Task Force Funded Position(s) – DEA/FBI

DATE: November 2, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The 2015-2016 budget reflects 67 sworn officers at the West Des Moines Police Department. The request to modify the current sworn personnel allocation is to backfill for commitment(s) to the Drug Enforcement Administration and/or Federal Bureau of Investigations Task Force(s). In this agreement(s), the federal government would be providing funding to compensate the city for these two additional personnel assignments up to $88,000 annually, which is above the compensation level of an entry level police officer.

BACKGROUND: The Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force has been in existence since 1996. The Iowa program of the HIDTA consists of five (5) enforcement initiatives. All of these programs and related funding fall under the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy and is funded annually by a line item appropriation within the Executive Office of the President budget. Two other local law enforcement agencies have made this commitment since inception of the program back in 1996 with positive results.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations Violent Crimes Task Force also has been in existence for some time, and only recently made available to the West Des Moines Police Department. The goal of both of these opportunities is to better position our community and department on regional matters that affect the overall safety of our community. This partnership allows for timely sharing of intelligence, resources, and professional development of our officers.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): Timeline for actual start dates have not been established until approval of this agreement. However, the DEA Task Force position is immediate upon approval and the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force start date would be determined at later date

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the agreement(s) with the Drug Enforcement High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Regional Violent Task Force and allow the modification to the department's sworn complement by potentially adding two (2) sworn officers to back fill for the above commitments with funding to be provided for the officers selected and assigned to said task force initiatives.

Lead Staff Member: Shaun E. LaDue, Chief of Police

STAFF REVIEWS

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