



City of Cleveland Memorandum
Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair
Safety Committee

FROM: Karrie D. Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1387-2023 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY22 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering Task Force, formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force; authorizing the Director to enter into agreements with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office and other entities; and authorizing the purchase by one or more contracts of undercover police vehicles to implement the grant

If passed by Council, Ord. No. 1387-2023 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$137,013.70 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY22 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant. This legislation would provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering Task Force (CGNL), which was formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF). This grant requires a cash match of \$45,671.23.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Justice Assistance Grant is to provide funding to law enforcement agencies for operating multi-agency task forces. The City of Cleveland will be reimbursed for costs associated with operating the CGNL. The CGNL is a multi-agency drug task force that brings together local, state, and agents and investigators to ensure the most sophisticated investigation and prosecution resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups.

The agencies that partner in CGNL include: Cleveland Division of Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Attorney's Office (Northern District of Ohio), Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs and the Border Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Ottawa County Drug Task Force, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police, Bedford Police, Brooklyn Police, Independence Police, Moreland Hills Police, North Royalton Police, Parma Police, and Shaker Heights Police.



Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$ 42,000.00 (Police officer overtime)
Contracts:	\$ 28,000.00 (Police officer overtime for partner agencies)
Travel:	\$ 7,000.00 (Travel related to cases, training)
Equipment:	\$ 39,000.00 (Undercover vehicle and vehicle equipment)
Supplies:	\$ 1,000.00 (Office supplies)
Other Costs:	\$ 9,870.00 (Vehicle maintenance, GPS Data Fees)
Confidential Funds:	\$ <u>55,814.93</u> (Buy money, surveillance costs)
TOTAL:	<u>\$182,684.93</u>
Grant Funds:	\$137,013.70
Matching Funds:	\$ <u>45,671.23</u>
Total:	<u>\$182,684.93</u>

Grant Information:

- The grant period is 7/01/23 – 6/30/24
- We have received this grant annually since 2005