

Ordinance No. 555-2026

By Council Members Polensek and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force, formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force; and authorizing the Director to enter into agreements with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office and other entities to implement the grant.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to apply for and accept a grant in the approximate amount of \$249,567.92, and any other funds that may become available during the Grant term from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to conduct the FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force, formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF); that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in the title page and summary for the grant contained in the file described below.

Section 2. That the title page and summary for the grant, presented to the Finance Committee of this Council at a public hearing on this legislation and set forth in File No. 555-2026-A, is made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten, including the obligation of the City of Cleveland to provide cash matching funds in the sum of \$83,189.33 from Fund No. 01-6002-6397, are approved in all respects, and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority. (RQS 6002, RLA 2026-56)

Section 3. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to extend the term of the grant during the grant term.

Section 4. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to enter into any agreements with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit, City of Brooklyn Police, City of North Royalton Police, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Department, to implement the grant as described in the file.

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Section 5. That, unless expressly prohibited by the grant agreement, under Section 108(B) of the Charter, purchases made under the grant agreement may be made through cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies. The Director of Public Safety may sign all documents and do all things that are necessary to make the purchases, and may enter into one or more contracts with the vendors selected through that cooperative process. The contracts will be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited any grant funds accepted under this ordinance.

Section 6. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Drummond

