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Initial Budget

Current Budget

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Program Information

Program

PAC

JAG

Year

Application Status

2024

Submitted

Grantee Signed

Program Area

Title of Project

Project End Period

Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering Task Forc

12/31/2025

Project Start Period

1/1/2025

Application Information

Focus of Application

City

Project Director Information

Project Director Prefix

Project Director Suffix

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44113-1603

Primary Performance State
Ohio

Vendor ID, Location and Address code to be completed by OCJS

Non-State Agency OAKS Vendor ID

OAKS Address Code

State Agency OAKS Vendor ID

Vendor Location

2024-JG-A01-66956 Budget Summary.

Total Budget : \$150,000.01

Personnel Cost

Salary and Personnel Cost

Name	Title	No.Hrs	Hourly...	Ocjs	Match ...	Match ...	Total
Mike Mcn...	Sergeant	80	\$70.93	\$5,674.40			\$5,674.40
Alex Gum...	Detective	65	\$61.36	\$3,988.40			\$3,988.40
Kevin Kin...	Commander	75	\$82.30	\$6,172.50			\$6,172.50
Cynthia M...	Detective	55	\$61.43	\$3,378.65			\$3,378.70
John Graves	Detective	70	\$61.43	\$4,300.10			\$4,300.10
Kevin War...	Detective	50	\$61.36	\$3,068.00			\$3,068.00
Various D...	Detective	50	\$61.36	\$3,068.00			\$3,068.00

Narrative

This represents a partial reimbursement of overtime incurred for investigators from the Cleveland Division of Police. These officers are assigned to the Task Force on a full-time basis. Cleveland will pay their benefits. The nature of the investigations worked by the Task Force is overtime intensive. Long term investigation into international Drug Trafficking Organizations requires long hours of case work by numerous investigators. These investigations often turn into long term Title III wiretap investigations. Wiretap investigations require live monitoring sixteen to twenty hours a day and often require multiple lines to be monitored. These investigations require long hours of surveillance, sometimes twenty four hours a day, and often require investigators to be called in to work in the middle of the night to respond to case developments. High level drug trafficking and violent criminal gang investigations are complex and constantly evolving. Investigators need to be flexible and available to invest a significant amount of time and resources to successfully disrupt and dismantle these organizations. Although we take many steps to reduce overtime whenever possible, overtime remains an unavoidable and necessary expense. Some officers are listed as "Various Detailed" because officers may be detailed to the Task Force throughout the year, as needed. We are unable to determine who they might be ahead of time. Please note, a programmatic adjustment will be submitted to include the names of the officers, their hourly pay rate, and the number of hours they worked.

Consultant/Contracts

Name	Purpose	Hourly ...	Hours	Ocjs	Match ...	Match ...	Total
Brian Sara	Detective	\$60.67	75	\$4,550.25			\$4,550.30
Ben Meder	Sheriff De...	\$58.09	65	\$3,775.85			\$3,775.90
Tim :Lloyd	Detective	\$58.50	75	\$4,387.50			\$4,387.50
Bruce Adkins	Detective	\$77.40	75	\$5,805.00			\$5,805.00
Jeff Skoczen	Detective	\$62.45	60	\$3,747.00			\$3,747.00

Chris Frey	Detective	\$63.07	65	\$4,099.55	\$4,099.60
Joel Barton	Detective	\$55.74	65	\$3,623.10	\$3,623.10

Narrative

This represents a partial reimbursement of overtime incurred by investigators from separate county and local law enforcement agencies assigned to the Task Force. These officers will be working on the program on a full-time basis. Their home agencies will pay their base salaries and benefits but will be reimbursed for a portion of their accrued overtime. The nature of the investigations worked by the Task Force is overtime intensive. Long term investigation into international Drug Trafficking Organizations requires long hours of case work by numerous investigators. These investigations often turn into long term Title-III wiretap investigations. Wiretap investigations require live monitoring sixteen to twenty hours a day and often require multiple lines to be monitored. These investigations require long hours of surveillance, sometimes twenty four hours a day, and often require investigators to be called in to work in the middle of the night to respond to case developments. High level drug trafficking and a significant amount of time and resources to successfully disrupt and dismantle these organizations. Although we take many steps to reduce overtime whenever possible, overtime remains an unavoidable and necessary expense. Bedford Police - Brain Sara Cuyahoga County Sheriff - Ben Meder RTA Police - Tim Lloyd Shaker Hts Police - Bruce Adkins North Royalton Police - Jeff Skoczen Brooklyn Police - Chris Frey Ottawa County DT - Joel Barton *** (Personnel and Rates may Change based on each agencies assigned participant and bargaining agreements. Agencies may choose to remove, replace, or add a participant. Collective Bargaining Agreements settled throughout the Grant Period may impact the listed overtime rate.) ***

Equipment

Items Pur...	Quantity	Unit Price	Oejs	Match In...	Match Cash	Total
Undercover v...	1	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00			\$32,000.00
Police vehicl...	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00

Narrative

The vehicle will be used for mobile and stationary surveillance operations, undercover operations, long distance mobile surveillance operations, and tactical operations, and twenty-four hour response to investigative developments when required. This will replace a task force vehicle that has reached its usable life span. The exact type of vehicle is to be determined and will be based on availability and operational needs. This vehicle will be a type of SUV or Truck that can be utilized as an undercover vehicle and a tactical vehicle when necessary. Due to the nature of the weather in Northeast Ohio it is ideal for investigators to operate a vehicle with all wheel/four wheel drive capability to conduct operations in heavy snow during the winter months. A SUV or Truck allows task force officers to transport necessary tactical equipment and tactical team personnel for operations such as search warrants or takedown operations. A SUV or Truck also allows for the safe storage and transport of the large amount of evidence that is often collected during search warrants and similar operations. The procurement list of qualified vehicles changes on a yearly basis. Upon review of the current BuyOhio procurement contract pricing it is clear that the price of vehicles has significantly increased and the availability of vehicles has significantly decreased due to the current economic climate. One standard police equipment kit with security safe will be purchased to outfit the vehicle. This kit will include covert emergency lights and sirens and a mounted safe to secure gear, equipment, and evidence.

Supplies

Items Pur...	Quantity	Unit Price	Oejs	Match In...	Match Cash	Total
Office Supplies	1	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00

Narrative

General office supplies and equipment such as printer ink, paper, staples, notepads, batteries, storage/flash drives, chargers, cleaning products, evidence envelopes, evidence collection products, evidence storage products, protective gloves, etc., are required to conduct the day to day operations of the Task Force. These items are needed to complete administrative and operational tasks related to our investigations. Basic office supplies used to be provided by the US Attorney's Office. Since we are no longer co-located in the USAO, the USAO no longer provides office supplies. This has significantly increased the Task Force's supply costs. The Task Force replaces office supplies and equipment items on an as needed basis which is determined by operational tempo. It is not possible to predict how much will be spent on any specific item or what specific office supply items may need to be replaced or replenished during the grant period as they will only be replaced or replenished on an as needed basis.

Other Direct Costs

Other Ch...	Cost	Terms/Qu...	Ocjs	Match In...	Match Cash	Total
Telephone	\$400.00	6	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Maintenance	\$2,600.00	1	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00

Narrative

The \$2,400 for "Telephone" will cover our current Verizon Data Plan for 6 Months (6 X \$400 - There are nine Verizon devices). These phones and tablets are utilized to maintain communication, conduct undercover operations, and access intelligence systems while conducting operations in the field. The \$2,600 for "Vehicle/equipment repairs" is for service and repair of 12 Task Force Vehicles or Task Force equipment such as gps units or surveillance equipment in need of service or repair.

Confidential Funds

Total Confidential	Ocjs	Match Inkind	Match Cash	Total
\$47,861.71	\$47,861.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,861.71

Narrative

Confidential Funds are necessary for payments to informants, purchase of evidence, (i.e., buy money for controlled purchases of narcotics/contraband/information) and surveillance costs (i.e., hotel room rental for surveillance/drug buys, undercover rental vehicles, storage unit rentals, etc.) While conducting undercover operations it is sometimes necessary to rent a vehicle such as a regular vehicle or a U-haul type vehicle to successfully and safely "stage" the operation. This keeps regular/daily use UC task force vehicles out of play during direct dealings with suspects and if any plate or vehicle information is recorded by a suspect then a regular/daily task force undercover vehicle will not be "burned" or outed by suspects. Suspects are known to post images of vehicles and license plates that they believe to be undercover law enforcement vehicles on social media. This is extremely hazardous for investigators and puts them at great risk while operating in a dangerous environment. Hotel rooms, storage units, or similar locations are often required for surveillance purposes and/or to "stage" operations such as covert meetings with suspects or direct undercover purchases. Confidential Funds may be needed for pen registers, trap and traces, ping orders, electronic surveillance, and other costs associated with long term investigations such as undercover apartment lease or undercover storefront rental for long term operations. Inserting a long-term undercover operative into an organization requires a very specific and detailed "backstop." A "backstop" is a detailed history associated with an undercover identity that would be discovered if a member of a drug trafficking organization was attempting to research the undercover operative's information to "vet" their identity. This "backstop" may include an apartment or business that the drug trafficking organization could research or visit to see if the apartment or business exists. It may also become necessary to conduct undercover operations such as buys or meetings within the controlled environment of the undercover apartment or business. Utilizing the controlled environment of a "wired for audio/video" undercover apartment or business is much safer than conducting operations in unfamiliar locations chosen by DTO members. Confidential Funds will also be utilized for case specific equipment, travel, or props required for unique undercover operations or investigations. Conducting undercover operations and utilizing informants is an extremely dangerous but necessary aspect of narcotics task force work. Due to the ever evolving nature of narcotics investigations and counter law enforcement

methods used by high level drug traffickers, the need for and amount of Confidential Funds necessary for an investigation will change on a case by case basis. It is vital to have access to these funds to properly support these complex operations and investigations with the safest and most technologically advanced methods available to investigators.