



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

**TO:** Blaine A. Griffin, Chair  
Committee of the Whole

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

**DATE:** December 05, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 1198-2022 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 2021 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

Ordinance No. 1198-2022, if approved by Council, would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept grant funds in the amount of \$166,481.26 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY21 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant. This grant will provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force (CGNL). There is a local match of \$55,493.75 for a total budget of \$221,975.01.

### **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 Division of Police's Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force (CGNL), formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF). The CGNL is a multi-agency drug task force that brings together state, federal and local agents and investigators to ensure the most sophisticated investigation and prosecution resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups.

### **Task Force Partners**

1. Cleveland, Division of Police
2. FBI
3. IRS
4. U.S. Attorney's Office
5. US Customs and Border Patrol
6. US Coast Guard
7. Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority PD
8. Ohio BCI
9. Ohio Adult Parole Authority
10. Ohio State Highway Patrol
11. CMHA PD
12. Cuyahoga County Sheriff
13. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

14. Bedford PD
15. Moreland Hills PD
16. Brooklyn Police
17. North Royalton Police
18. Independence Police
19. Shaker Hts. Police

**Expenses to be reimbursed:**

Personnel:	\$ 50,059.40 (Police officer overtime)
Contracts:	\$ 31,050.00 (Police officer overtime for partner agencies)
Travel:	\$ 14,400.00 (Travel related to cases, training)
Equipment:	\$ 37,700.00 (Undercover vehicle and vehicle equipment)
Supplies:	\$ 890.60 (Office supplies)
Other Costs:	\$ 6,870.00 (Vehicle maintenance, GPS Data Fees)
Confidential Funds:	\$ <u>81,005.00</u> (Buy money, surveillance costs)
TOTAL:	<u>\$221,975.01</u>

**Grant Information:**

- The grant period is 1/01/23 –12/31/23
- We have received this grant annually since 2005