



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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**TO:** Michael D. Polensek, Chair  
Safety Committee

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

**DATE:** January 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 1146-2021 authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept the FY 2021 State Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to fund the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force; and authorizing the Director to enter into one or more contracts with various agencies or entities to implement the grant.

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Ordinance No. 1146-2021, if passed by Council, would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a \$150,000 grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY21 State Byrne Memorial Grant. This legislation will provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force (CGNL).

### **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. Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority PD
6. Ohio BCI
7. Ohio Adult Parole Authority
8. CMHA PD
9. Cuyahoga County Sheriff
10. Bedford PD
11. Moreland Hills PD

**Expenses to be reimbursed:**

Personnel:	\$ 27,031.43 (Police officer overtime)
Contracts:	\$ 29,999.43 (Police officer overtime for partner agencies)
Travel:	\$ 9,000.00 (Travel related to cases, training)
Equipment:	\$ 6,150.00 (computers and software)
Supplies:	\$ 500.00 (Office supplies)
Other Costs:	\$ 5,500.00 (Vehicle maintenance, Cell Data Plan)
Confidential Funds:	<u>\$ 71,769.14</u> (Buy money, surveillance costs)
TOTAL:	<u>\$150,000.00</u>

**Grant Information:**

- The grant period is 1/01/22 – 12/31/22
- We have received this grant annually since 2005
- There is no local match