



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 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1206-2021 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 21 Recovery Ohio LE Program to provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force

Ordinance No. 1206-2022, if passed by Council, would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a \$82,800 grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY21 Recovery Ohio LE 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 Recovery Ohio LE 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.

There will be a special focus on preventing overdose deaths. CGNL will be partnering with the Cleveland Division of Police Heroin Involved Death Investigation Team (HIDI) to conduct investigations and prosecutions of drug traffickers responsible for selling fatal doses of narcotics to their victims.

CGNL will also partner with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, Project Dawn, and Metro Health. The CGNL will receive a supply of Fentanyl Test Strips along with recovery/treatment literature from the ADAMHS Board and a supply of Narcan "Safe Use Kits" from Project Dawn / Metro Health. The NOLETF will be sharing this supply with the HIDI Team. These testing strips give users the ability to easily and quickly test their narcotics to determine if the product contains fentanyl. The user will then know that what they may have thought to be crack cocaine actually contains lethal fentanyl. The Project Dawn "Safe Use Kits" contain Narcan that could prevent an overdose death from occurring.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$ 50,000.00 (Police officer overtime)
Travel:	\$ 5,000.00 (Travel related to cases, training)
Equipment:	\$ 3,000.00 (Narcan Safe Use Kits)
Supplies:	\$ 500.04 (Office supplies)
Other Costs:	\$ 4,299.96 (Vehicle maintenance, Cell Data Plan)
Confidential Funds:	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u> (Buy money, surveillance costs)
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 82,800.00</u>

Grant Information:

- The grant period is 1/01/22 – 12/31/23
- There is no local match