



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair  
Safety Committee

FROM: Dornat A. Drummond, Interim Director  
Department of Public Safety

DATE: March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 159-2024 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 23 State Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force (CGNL); and authorizing agreements with various entities to implement the grant

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If approved by Council, Ordinance No. 159-2024 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$142,374.70 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY23 State Byrne Memorial Grant. This legislation will provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force (CGNL) for the Division of Police.

### **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 Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force (CGNL). 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. Federal Bureau of Investigation
3. U.S. Attorney's Office (Northern District of Ohio)
4. Internal Revenue Service
5. U.S. Customs and the Border Patrol
6. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
7. Ohio Parole Authority
8. Ohio State Highway Patrol
9. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
10. Cuyahoga County Sheriff
11. Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority PD
12. Bedford PD
13. Moreland Hills PD
14. Brooklyn PD
15. North Royalton PD
16. Independence PD
17. Shaker Heights PD
18. Ottawa County Drug Task Force

**Expenses to be reimbursed:**

Personnel:	\$ 29,784.80 (Police officer overtime)
Contracts:	\$ 22,167.30 (Police officer overtime for partner agencies)
Travel:	\$ 5,120.00 (Travel related to cases, training)
Equipment:	\$ 32,000.00 (Undercover Police vehicle)
Confidential Funds:	\$ 47,802.60 (Buy money, surveillance costs)
Supplies:	\$ 500.00 (Office supplies)
Other Costs:	\$ 5,000.00 (Telephone, vehicle maintenance)
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 142,374.70</u>

**Grant Information:**

- The grant period is 1/01/24 – 12/31/24
- We have received this grant annually since 2005
- There is no local match