Council Summary

Department of Public Safety

June 26, 2025

Ordinance No.: 713-2025

Legislative Purpose: Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 2024 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

Legislative Summary:

Ordinance No. 713-2025 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of $250,055.57 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 24 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant. This legislation would provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering Task Force (CGNL), which was formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF). This grant requires a cash match of $83,351.86.

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 CGNL. The CGNL is a multi-agency drug task force that brings together local, state, and agents and investigators to ensure the most sophisticated investigation and prosecution resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups.

The agencies that partner in CGNL include: Cleveland Division of Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Attorney's Office (Northern District of Ohio), Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs and the Border Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Ottawa County Drug Task Force, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police, Bedford Police, Brooklyn Police, Independence Police, Moreland Hills Police, North Royalton Police, Parma Police, and Shaker Heights Police.

This grant will require agreements with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, City of North Royalton, City of Brooklyn, Ottawa County Drug Task Force, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Department to implement the grant

Grant Term and Amount:

The grant award amount is $250,055.57 and includes a local match amount of $83,351.86, and is for the Grant Period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The funding source for the matching funds is Fund 01 Subfund 001, Department 6002 (RQS RLA2025-37).