



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Blaine A. Griffin, Chair
Safety Committee

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

DATE: August 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 533-2021 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to accept funding in support of the Department of Public Safety's Environmental Crimes Task Force for purposes, including but not limited to, the purchase of training and equipment necessary to assist in combatting illegal dumping

Ordinance No. 482-2020, if passed by Council, will authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to accept funding in support of the City's Environmental Crimes Task Force. These funds will be used to help pay for various program expenses including, but not limited to, Police overtime and equipment purchases.

The Environmental Crimes Task Force is comprised of the City of Cleveland Departments of Public Safety, Public Health, Building and Housing, Law, and others working collaboratively to combat illegal dumping in the City.

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has authorized funding in an amount not to exceed \$19,120 to the City's Department of Public Safety to provide financial support for the Task Force to address the problem of illegal dumping within the City in 2021.

This legislation is important because it this funding will assist in the City's fight against illegal dumping and provide necessary training and equipment to the Environmental Crimes Task Force.

2019 ECTF Stats:

Complaints Received:

173 – Open Dumping
48 – Theft
3 – B & E Theft
3 – Hazmat
7 – Other
234 – Total

Case Inspection Results:

179 - Clean Ups
55 - Felony Indictments
23 - Vehicles Towed
20 - Misdemeanor Indictments
11 - Search Warrants
10 - Citations
5 - Felony Arrests
13 - Felony Convictions
5 - Misdemeanor Convictions
1 - Misdemeanor Arrest

Budget:

\$ 15,200 – Personnel – Detectives and supervisor overtime
\$ 800 – Clothing for Task Force Officers
\$ 3,120 – Contracts – Cell phone service
\$ 19,120 – TOTAL

There is no local match requirement.