

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 02/20/2024	SUBJECT: RESOLUTION# 2024-R-064 Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Grant funding is available in the Financial Task Force Fund.
INITIATED BY: Joseph Neeb City Manager	STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Rodriguez Chief of Police
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None	
ACTION PROPOSED: That City Council pass this Resolution.	
BACKGROUND: The City of Laredo has been the Grantee agency for the past thirty-two years for the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the DEA HIDTA Task Force and the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force. These Task Forces work together with other Local, State and Federal Agencies, with its main focus being the identification and disruption/dismantling of Major Drug Trafficking Organizations. Funds under the original grant pay for personnel salaries, overtime, fringe benefits, travel and operating expenses. This grant is 100% federally funded by the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Appropriation for this grant is included in FY 2023-2024 HIDTA Task Force fund Budget (223)	
RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF: Staff recommends that this Resolution be passed.

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$872,271 TO FUND THE LAREDO POLICE DEPARTMENT HIDTA TASK FORCE, THE LAREDO DEA HIDTA TASK FORCE, AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY FINANCIAL HIDTA TASK FORCE. THESE INITIATIVES ARE FUNDED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY (ONDCP), AND HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) AT NO COST TO THE CITY. FUNDING WILL BE USED TO PAY PERSONNEL SALARIES, FRINGE BENEFITS, OVERTIME, TRAVEL AND OPERATING EXPENSES FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. FUNDING FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY FINANCIAL TASK FORCE WILL BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS, OVERTIME, AND OPERATING EXPENSES FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. GRANT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE FINANCIAL TASK FORCE FUND.

Whereas, the City Council previously adopted the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024; and

Whereas, funds are 100% federally funded by the Office of the National Drug Control Policy through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; and

Whereas, the Chief of Police recommends that this application be accepted; and

Whereas, funds will be used to pay personnel salaries for 6 investigators, 1 police patrol, 1 full time administrative assistant, operational expenses and travel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the interim City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. The grant will be funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 2: The City of Laredo full time equivalents will reflect two (2) investigators, one (1) patrol officer, and one (1) Sr. Administrative Assistant.

Section 3: The City Manager will be authorized to transfer the following full-time equivalents (FTEs) to the General Fund in the event this grant is no longer funded: two (2) investigators, one (1) patrol officer, and one (1) Sr. Administrative Assistant.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Dr. Victor D. Treviño
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jose A. Valdez Jr.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Doanh “Zone” T. Nguyen
CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY ATTORNEY