



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

Date: March 3, 2015

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: 2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant Award

Executive Summary

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy has issued the FY 2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant. This grant funding will be used to support initiatives designed to implement the Strategy proposed by the Executive Board of the Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and approved by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The purpose of the HIDTA program is to reduce drug availability by creating intelligence-driven drug task forces aimed at eliminating or reducing domestic drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. The total Federal award amount is \$256,000, with a matching funds requirement of \$10,613. The City Council has approved the FY 2015 Police Department's general fund budget, which includes an appropriation of \$10,613 for the local match.

Recommendation

1. The administration recommends authorizing the City Manager to accept the "2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)" Grant by executing the grant documents; and
2. To adopt the "2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)" Grant Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$266,613.

Background

HIDTA is a program within the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The mission of the HIDTA program is to reduce drug availability by creating intelligence-driven drug task forces aimed at eliminating or reducing domestic drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. The HIDTA program enhances and helps to coordinate drug trafficking control efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. HIDTA works to complement and support federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies collaborating to fight drug traffic. HIDTA funding supports this joint effort between local law enforcement agencies. Some of the agencies that the City of Durham's Police Department is collaborating with on this HIDTA Initiative are the DEA, SBI, Raleigh Police Department, Wake County Sheriff's Office and several other local law enforcement agencies.

Issues/Analysis

The main issue is whether to accept this funding opportunity from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. If the City refuses to accept funding

from the 2015 HIDTA Program, it could negatively impact the possibility of future funding to the City of Durham from the ONDCP.

Alternatives

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy has made the funding available to the City of Durham for this project. The alternative would be to deny this motion which would negatively impact several federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that are collaborating with the City of Durham’s Police Department in this HIDTA initiative.

Financial Impact

The City Council has approved the FY 2015 Police Department’s general fund budget that appropriates the \$10,613 required local match. There will be no further financial impact on the City of Durham’s general fund by accepting this award. The appropriation is as follows:

2015 HIDTA Grant	\$256,000
Local Match	<u>10,613</u>
Total	\$266,613

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.