THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

Subject: 2024 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant

Staff Resource(s): David Zack - APD Police Chief
Elise Lewis - APD Financial Business Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to apply for the 2024 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant on behalf of the Asheville HIDTA branch in the amount of $154,638.00.

Background:

- The purpose of the HIDTA program is to reduce drug trafficking and especially production in the United States, specifically in areas where drug-related activities are having a significant harmful impact.
- This unit does not focus on, or adopt cases, that are for simple possession, but focuses only on cases that deal in trafficking, manufacturing, and distribution of illegal drugs.
- The Asheville Police Department acts only as the fiduciary for the grant.
- When expenses are incurred, the fiduciary settles the claims using appropriated City of Asheville funds and then requests a 100% reimbursement from the federal government.
- The Asheville HIDTA is the direct beneficiary of the grant funds and not the Asheville Police Department.
- The Asheville HIDTA is comprised of members of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, one officer from the Asheville Police Department, and various individuals from the Sheriff Offices of several Western North Carolina Counties.
- A United States Drug Enforcement Administration supervisor, who is the Asheville HIDTA manager, determines how grant funds will be expended.
- All members of the Asheville HIDTA receive reimbursement when they incur qualified expenses conducting Asheville HIDTA business.
- The Office of National Drug Control Policy has determined that the City of Asheville is eligible to manage this grant totaling $154,638.00.
- Grant funds are used for overtime, travel, services and supplies.
- All expenses are tracked and audited by local and federal authorities.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- None. Funding for this grant is provided by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Environment & Safety Committee - 07/25/2023; 3-0 approved to move forward to City Council

Pro(s):

- Fosters partnerships with federal and local law enforcement agencies.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving the application of the grant.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, FOR THE ASHEVILLE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS 2024 GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-17.1 to apply for grants from the federal government, and to enter into contracts for the administration of said grants; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, has determined that the City of Asheville is eligible to receive a grant of $154,638.00 to act as fiduciary for the Asheville High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for an agreement with the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, for a grant in the amount of $154,638.00, to act as fiduciary for the Asheville HIDTA.

Read, approved and adopted this the 22nd day of August, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney