

St. Petersburg City Council
Consent Agenda
Meeting of October 17, 2019

TO: The Honorable Charlie Gerdes, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$741,556 from the U.S Department of Justice ("DOJ") to support the Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to combat human trafficking, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$741,556 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The City of St. Petersburg ("CITY") on behalf of the Tampa Bay Human Trafficking Task Force ("Task Force") and the Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") entered into agreement in which DOJ awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$741,556. The Task Force will focus its efforts in the Middle District of Florida, which is one of three federal districts in Florida. The City of St. Petersburg has taken the lead position on the Task Force, therefore will serve as the representative to this grant and will be responsible for the grant over its three-year life cycle. The City will submit expenditure documentation to DOJ for reimbursement of eligible costs. The grant requires no local matching funds.

The City's \$741,556 will be used to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces. The task forces will implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to: identify victims of all types of human trafficking; investigate, refer, and prosecute sex trafficking and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels; and, address the individualized needs of victims through quality services.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$741,556 from the U.S department of Justice ("DOJ") to support the Enhanced collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to combat human trafficking, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$741,556 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389); and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: The grant will fund law enforcement initiatives to combat human trafficking effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. Funds will be available after approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$741,556 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389).

Approvals:

Administration:



Budget:



Resolution No. 2019-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT \$741,556 ON BEHALF OF THE TAMPA BAY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE (“TASK FORCE”) FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AT THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (“DOJ”), AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$741,556 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT DIVISION (140-1389); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg (“CITY”) on behalf of the Task Force and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”) entered in agreement in which the DOJ awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$741,556 to combat human trafficking in the Florida’s Middle District by supporting an Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to combat human trafficking and providing services to victims; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement, the City applied for the funds on behalf of the Task Force and was designated as the grant applicant and fiscal agent for distribution of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit expenditure documentation to the U.S Department of Justice for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$741,556 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept \$741,556 on behalf of the Tampa Bay Human Trafficking Task Force from the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S Department of Justice (“DOJ”), and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY 2020:

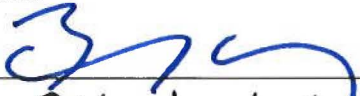


General Fund (0001)

Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389)

\$741,556

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal:  Administration: 
Budget: 
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