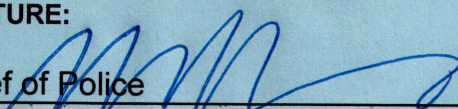


TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Ordinance approving an Interlocal Agreement in support of the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking: Enhancement of Established Human Trafficking Task Force Program	<b>Category #</b>	<b>Page</b> 1 of 1	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM: (Department or other point of origin):</b> Houston Police Department	<b>Origination Date</b> September 18, 2017		<b>Agenda Date</b>
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b>  Art Acevedo, Chief of Police	<b>Council Districts affected:</b>  All		
<b>For additional information contact:</b> J.L. Anderson, Lieutenant, Vice Division (713) 308-8600 Clifton Journet III, Executive Analyst (713) 308-1779	<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action:</b>		

**RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)** Adopt an ordinance approving an Interlocal Agreement between Montgomery County and the City of Houston regarding participation in the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking: Enhancement of Established Human Trafficking Task Force Program.

<b>Amount of Funding:</b> \$36,800 – Federal Grant – Grant Funds (Fund 5000)	<b>Finance Budget:</b>
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**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

The Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department (HPD) recommends that City Council approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and Montgomery County. The City of Houston, through HPD, applied for and received the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking: Enhancement of Established Human Trafficking Task Force grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Victims of Crime and Bureau of Justice Assistance.

This grant provides funding to establish an HPD led multi-disciplinary Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement and a victim service provider, YMCA International of Greater Houston. The implementation of the HTTF acts as a force-multiplier to increase the identification of all forms of sex and labor trafficking victims by providing a collaborative proactive investigative response to apprehend and prosecute perpetrators at both the state and federal levels. Once identified and recovered, YMCA International of Greater Houston will provide victims with a comprehensive array of social services.

Specifically, the funds will support the HTTF by adding law enforcement agencies and state prosecutors from outlying counties within the Houston metro area. The target geographical area of the grant program is the Houston Metropolitan Area, which includes incorporated as well as unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas; and all areas of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties. As the lead agency, HPD is entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the City of Houston will use \$36,800 in grant funds to reimburse Montgomery County for overtime, leased car expenses and a portion of the salary and benefits of one investigator participating in the Task Force.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

<b>Finance Budget:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>
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