

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Authorize the City Manager or Her Designee to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for Participation in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Shoreline Police Department
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Shawn Ledford, Chief of Police
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

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In 2015, the Shoreline Police Special Emphasis Team (SET) initiated a narcotics investigation in the City of Shoreline. During the investigation it was discovered this is a large scale operation that is operating on a regional and broader level. Shoreline SET has a collaborative relationship with the Seattle DEA and asked them to assist with the investigation. The DEA has taken the lead on this investigation and assigned a unit to work on it full time. This investigation qualifies and was granted OCDETF Program status by the Federal Government to provide the resources and funding to target the problem. Tonight’s action would authorize the City Manager to enter into the OCDETF Program Agreement for fiscal year 2017.

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No resource or financial impact is anticipated. The Interlocal Agreement allows the City to receive up to \$15,000 in reimbursement for overtime expenditures related to its participation in the OCDETF investigation or strategic initiative. If funds or property are seized as part of this investigation, the City is eligible for a percentage of those assets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Approved By:            City Manager **DT**    City Attorney **MK**

## **INTRODUCTION**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The OCDETF Program was established in 1982 to mount a comprehensive attack against organized drug traffickers. The OCDETF Program is part of the U.S. Attorney General's drug strategy to reduce the availability of drugs by disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations and related criminal enterprises. The Program operates nationwide and combines the resources and unique expertise of numerous federal agencies and State and local agencies. The OCDETF strategy aims to focus federal drug resources on reducing the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds by identifying and targeting the major trafficking organizations, eliminating the financial infrastructure of drug organizations by emphasizing financial investigations and asset forfeiture, redirecting federal drug enforcement resources to align them with existing and emerging drug threats, and conducting expanded, nationwide investigations against all the related parts of the targeted organizations.

## **DISCUSSION**

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The Shoreline SET focuses primarily on local narcotics, vice and criminal activity within the City. It's typical when a criminal investigation reaches OCDETF status that local resources are dedicated to the investigation full time. Shoreline detectives will not be dedicated to this investigation on a full time basis; the unit will participate when necessary on duty and on overtime, while continuing to focus on local priorities. Tonight's action would authorize the City Manager to enter into the OCDETF Program Agreement for fiscal year 2017.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: 2017 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Agreement

**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES  
FY 2017 Agreement  
FOR THE USE OF THE STATE OR LOCAL  
OVERTIME AND AUTHORIZED EXPENSE/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

Federal Tax Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_ DC#: **S-32-**\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested:  
  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Number of Officers Listed: \_\_\_\_\_

OCDETF Investigation / Strategic Initiative  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Operation  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beginning Date of Agreement  
  
To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ending Date of Agreement

Federal Agency Investigations:  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

State or Local Organization  
  
Narcotics Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Fax # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

State or Local Organization Name and Address:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Federal Agency(ies):  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Federal Agency  
Group/Squad Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide the name, telephone number, e-mail address, and fax number for the **administrative or financial staff person at the State or Local Organization, who is directly responsible for the billing on the Reimbursement Request:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

This Agreement is between the above named State or Local Law Enforcement Organization and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Program. This Agreement shall be effective when signed by an authorized State or Local Organization official, the sponsoring Federal Agency Special Agent-In-Charge, the sponsoring Agency Regional OCDETF Coordinator, the Assistant United States Attorney Regional OCDETF Director, and the OCDETF Executive Office.

1. It is agreed that the State or Local Law Enforcement officers named on this Agreement will assist in OCDETF Investigations, Strategic Initiatives and prosecutions as set forth in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces State or Local Overtime and Authorized Expense/Strategic Initiative Programs, Policies and Procedures Manual, Fiscal Year 2017.
2. No individual Agreement with a State or Local organization may exceed \$25,000, and the cumulative amount of OCDETF State and Local overtime monies that may be expended on a single OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative in a single fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000 without express prior approval from the OCDETF Executive Office. The OCDETF Executive Office will entertain requests to exceed these funding levels in particular cases. Please submit a written request including justification approved by the AUSA Regional Director to the OCDETF Budget Officer/Deputy Budget Officer when seeking to exceed the above stated funding levels.
3. Each Reimbursable Agreement will be allowed no more than six (6) modifications per year. In addition, if the funds for a particular Agreement are completely deobligated with the intention of closing that Agreement, it will not count as a modification for purposes of this policy. These amendments must be transmitted by a memorandum approved and signed by the AUSA Regional OCDETF Director or designee for the region and sent to the OCDETF Executive Office.
4. If an Agreement does not have any activity during the last ninety (90) days, the funds shall automatically be deobligated. The OCDETF Executive Office will assist with the monitoring of the aging Agreements. Further, if a State or Local Organization indicates that it is no longer performing work under a particular Agreement, the State or Local Overtime and Authorized Expense/Strategic Initiative Programs, Policies and Procedures Manual requires that a modification memorandum identifying the amount to be deobligated be submitted to the OCDETF Executive Office as soon as possible after determining that no work is being performed.
5. The State or Local Law Enforcement Organization agrees to provide experienced drug Law Enforcement officers who are identified in this Agreement to work on the specified OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Any change in Law Enforcement officers assigned must be agreed to by all approving officials.

6. Officers who are not deputized shall possess no Law Enforcement authority other than that conferred by virtue of their position as a commissioned officer of their parent Agency.
7. Officers who are deputized may possess Federal Law Enforcement authority as specified by the Agency affording the deputation.
8. Any State or Local officers assigned to an OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative in accordance with this Agreement are not considered Federal employees and do not take on the benefits of Federal employment by virtue of their participation in the Investigation or Strategic Initiative.
9. OCDETF and the sponsoring Federal Law Enforcement Agency(ies) for the approved OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative will provide to the assigned State or Local officers the clerical, operational and administrative support that is mutually agreed to by the parties in this Agreement.
10. Officers assigned to OCDETF Investigations or Strategic Initiatives should work full-time on the Investigation(s) or Strategic Initiative(s) in order to be paid overtime. In order to satisfy the “full-time” expectation, a Law Enforcement officer should work forty (40) hours per week or eight (8) hours per day on a single or multiple OCDETF Investigation(s) or Strategic Initiative(s). Any established exceptions or waivers to this definition shall be requested by the Regional Coordination Group and attached as Addendum A to the Agreement. [The parent State or Local Organization must pay the base salary of its officers. In the event officers must work overtime on an OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative, the OCDETF Program will reimburse the parent State or Local Law Enforcement Organization for a limited amount of those overtime costs.] The Organization is responsible for paying its Law Enforcement officer(s) for their overtime, travel and per diem expenses. To ensure proper and complete utilization of OCDETF overtime and expense allocations, reimbursement claims must be submitted monthly on the OCDETF Reimbursement Request Form. The OCDETF Executive Office may refuse payment on any reimbursement request that is not submitted to the OCDETF Regional Coordination Group within thirty (30) days of the close of the month in which the overtime was worked.
11. It is the responsibility of the State or Local Organization to retain and have available for inspection sufficient supporting documentation for all regular hours and overtime hours worked towards a specific OCDETF case. Officers’ timesheets must reflect work towards a specific OCDETF case and must be reviewed and signed by an authorized State or Local official.
12. Analysis of reimbursement claims by the Regional Coordination Group may result in a modification of the obligation of funds contained within this Agreement as well as the time period covered. The Organization affected by any such modification will receive a memo notifying them of the changes.

13. Overtime payments, including all other non-OCDETF Federal sources (such as Safe Streets, HIDTA, IRS, ICE, FEMA, etc.) may not, on an annual per person basis, exceed 25% of the current approved Federal salary rate in effect at the time the overtime is performed. The State or Local Organization is responsible for ensuring that this annual payment is not exceeded. The Executive Assistant/OCDETF Program Specialist will monitor these payments via MIS and communicate to the Federal Agency Regional OCDETF Coordinators who provide status updates to any officer approaching the threshold.
14. The overtime log must be attached to the reimbursement request when submitting the monthly invoices. The Sponsoring Federal Agency Supervisory Special Agent and the State or Local official authorized to approve the Reimbursement Request must certify that only authorized expenses are claimed, the regular hours requirement is satisfied, and that overtime has not exceeded 25% of the current Federal salary rate in effect at the time the overtime was worked.
15. Under no circumstances will the State or Local Organization charge any indirect costs for the administration or implementation of this Agreement.
16. The State or Local Organization shall maintain complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this Agreement for a period of six (6) years and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to facilitate inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.
17. The State or Local Organization shall permit examination and auditing by representatives of the OCDETF Program, the sponsoring Federal Agency(ies), the U.S. Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or any of their duly-authorized agents and representatives, of any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts, or expenditures relating to this Agreement. Failure to provide proper documentation will limit State or Local Law Enforcement Organizations from receiving OCDETF funding in the future.
18. The State or Local Organization will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements applicable to OCDETF Agreements pursuant to the regulations of the Department of Justice (see, e.g., 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C and G; 28 C.F.R. 50.3 (1991)) relating to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin or handicap.
19. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties by written notice to the other parties ten (10) business days prior to termination. Billing for outstanding obligations shall be received by OCDETF within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination.

20. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that most payments made by the Federal government, including vendor payments, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). In accordance with the act, all OCDETF reimbursement payments will be issued via EFT. All participating State and Local Organizations must complete and submit the attached EFT form. The OCDETF Executive Office must receive one EFT form from each participating organization prior to processing their reimbursement payments. In certain circumstances the OCDETF Executive Office may make exceptions for Organizations that are unable to accept this form of payment, however, such Organizations must include written justification in the addendum of each new Agreement.
21. All changes made to the original Agreement must be approved by the OCDETF Executive Office and initialed by the Executive Assistant/OCDETF Program Specialist of the Regional Coordination Group making the revision. The AUSA Regional OCDETF Director or designee must initial all funding changes.
22. The Regional Coordination Group is responsible for identifying and implementing any additional policy requirements, as needed, for its specific region. Those regional policies will be documented in the Addendum B and attached to the approved Agreement. The Organizations are agreeing to adhere to these additional requirements and must have written approval by the Regional Coordination Group for any exceptions to the regional policies.

This Agreement is not a contract or obligation to commit Federal funds in the maximum amounts projected. Funding allocations for the time period set forth and agreed to herein represent projections only and are based upon consultation between the sponsoring Federal Agency and the State or Local Law Enforcement Organization. They are, therefore, subject to modification by OCDETF based upon the progress and needs of the OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Additionally, resources are contingent upon the availability of funds per the approval and signature of the OCDETF Executive Office obligating authority. The OCDETF Executive Office will approve and certify that all the terms and conditions of the Agreement have been met.

Each Agreement must be approved and signed by a State or Local Law Enforcement Organization official who has supervisory authority over, and is authorized to assign, the participating Law Enforcement officers to the OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative.



Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized State or Local Official                      Title                      Date*

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsoring Federal Agency Special Agent in Charge or Designee                      Date*

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsoring Agency Regional OCDETF Coordinator                      Date*

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Assistant United States Attorney Regional OCDETF Director                      Date*

Funds are encumbered for the State or Local Organization overtime costs and authorized expense/Strategic Initiative Programs specified above. **Subject to availability of funds.**

Funds Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
*OCDETF Executive Office                      Date*

Approving Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
*OCDETF Executive Office                      Date*

**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES**  
**STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
**ASSIGNED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND**  
**LOCAL OVERTIME AND AUTHORIZED EXPENSE/STRATEGIC**  
**INITIATIVE PROGRAMS**

State or Local Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

OCDETF Investigation / Strategic Initiative Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Law Enforcement officers listed below will assist with the above identified OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Any modification of the list of Law Enforcement officers must be agreed to in writing by all of the parties to this Agreement, made a part of the Agreement, and forwarded to the OCDETF Executive Office.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE/RANK</u>	<u>DOB</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____

**ADDENDUM A  
OCDETF Pacific Region**

**Definition of “Full-Time Participation”**

The OCDETF State and Local Overtime Program is designed to only reimburse overtime costs incurred by officers working full-time on OCDETF cases. In order to comply with the requirement that an officer/agent work full-time, the officer/agent must:

1. Be assigned to work on OCDETF matters full-time and work forty (40) hours per week on a single OCDETF investigation or multiple OCDETF investigations. Overtime in excess of 40 hours will then be reimbursed.
2. If the officer/agent is not exclusively assigned to work full-time on OCDETF matters, then overtime can be reimbursed if the officer/agent worked eight (8) hours regular time in a given day on the OCDETF investigation before claiming any overtime. Overtime in excess of eight (8) hours will then be reimbursed.

**Exceptions to the “Full-Time Participation Rule”**

There are limited circumstances where OCDETF State and Local Overtime funding may be made available for use where investigations have emergency needs for overtime funding or where scarce resources preclude ‘full-time participation’ by a participating local agency. These circumstances include the following:

**1. Unforeseen Emergency Circumstances**

Occasionally dedicated OCDETF resources cannot handle a particular enforcement action, such as an unexpected surveillance; or reaction to unforeseen circumstances requires additional non-federal resources and the investigation would suffer without those additional resources. In those circumstances incurred overtime may be reimbursed without the officer/agent having worked an eight (8) hour shift dedicated to the OCDETF investigation, provided that the OCDETF overtime is done at the request of a supervisor of a sponsoring federal agency in the district where the investigation is being conducted.

Under no circumstances will more than sixteen (16) hours of claimed overtime for any officer be reimbursed under this exemption provision without the prior approval of: (1) the supervising/sponsoring federal agency in the district where the investigation is being conducted; (2) the OCDETF Coordinator for the sponsoring federal agency; and (3) the Regional OCDETF Core City Coordinator (or his designee the Core City Executive Assistant).

Reimbursement under such circumstances will be limited to the overtime incurred in response to the unforeseen circumstances; *i.e.*, when the enforcement action is complete, no additional overtime will be reimbursed without compliance with #1 and #2 listed above. A memorandum of justification for a waiver of the “Full-Time Participation Rule” must be submitted with any claim for reimbursement.

**2. Other Exceptions**

Any other deviation from the above overtime reimbursement “full-time participation” policy, including situations where a state or local agency has insufficient personnel to allow the “full-time” commitment of officers/agents, requires a memorandum of justification for waiver or exemption. No overtime expenses will be paid under this exception without a waiver memorandum. This memorandum from the officer/agent’s agency must be sent to the sponsoring federal agency Regional OCDETF Coordinator and the AUSA Core City Coordinator. It must be *APPROVED IN ADVANCE* of the performance of any overtime activity which does not comply with the “Full-Time Participation Rule”.

**Acknowledged:**

<i>Authorized State or Local Official</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
(Name and Signature)		

**ADDENDUM B  
OCDETF Pacific Region**

1. Authorization to expend funds under the Agreement For The Use of State and Local Overtime (“Agreement”) is effective **only** after it has been **approved and funded** for a specific amount by the OCDETF Regional Coordination Group (“RCG”). Mere submission of an Agreement **does not** authorize an expenditure of any funds. The amount requested may be reduced to a lower amount by the RCG. When submitting the agreement, a mailing address for the State or Local Agency Narcotics Supervisor must be provided (if different from the cover page of the Agreement):

**State or Local Agency Narcotics Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Participation by additional officer(s) requires the submission to the Sponsoring Federal Agency Coordinator of a Notification of Change in Officer Form, which identifies the new officers.
- 3. This agreement **does not** authorize any expenditures beyond the funds allocated by the RCG to this investigation. This Agreement **does not** require the RCG to pay for any overtime worked without sufficient, previously authorized funding.
- 4. Memoranda or other evidence explaining any waivers from the 40 hours per week / 8 hours per day full-time work requirements **must** be attached to every Agreement for each OCDETF investigation.
- 5. Reimbursement for travel and per diem costs for state and local officers under this agreement is the responsibility of the sponsoring federal agency.
- 6. OCDETF State and Local **Overtime** funds are **not** to be used for:
  - a. equipment procurement
  - b. agency operational subsidies
  - c. purchases of evidence
  - d. payments to confidential informants
  - e. reimbursements to anyone other than sworn law enforcement officers.
  - f. reimbursement of compensation time earned in lieu of overtime payment
- 7. All overtime reimbursement requests must be submitted to the RCG within **thirty (30) days of the close of the month in which the overtime was worked.**
- 8. It is the responsibility of your agency to report cumulative overtime for each officer on the Officer Overtime Log, which may not exceed **\$ 17,753.00** from any Federal source this fiscal year.

**Acknowledged:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized State or Local Official Title Date*

**ACH VENDOR/MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENT  
ENROLLMENT FORM**

**PAYEE/COMPANY INFORMATION**

Name:	
Address:	
Taxpayer ID Number:	
Contact Person Name:	Telephone Number:

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION**

Bank Name:
Nine-Digit ABA Routing Transit Number:
Depositor Account Number:
Type of Account: (checking/savings)

Please return with the Reimbursable Agreement

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that most payments made by the Federal government, including vendor payments, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). A benefit of receiving payments by EFT is that your funds are directly deposited to your account at a financial institution and are available to you on the date of payment.

If you have any question regarding the delivery of remittance information, please contact the financial institution (bank) where your account is held.

If you have any question on the completion of this form, please contact the OCDETF State and Local EFT Coordinator at 202-514-1860

To inquire about a bill please contact: <https://www.ipp.gov/>