

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

**Topic: FY25 Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas
(RMHIDTA)**

Presented by: David Kribs, Budget & Finance Director, JCSO

Date: 7/30/2024

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to
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Hearing Agenda

Issue: The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) requires approval and ratification from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to submit a grant application to the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas (HIDTA) on behalf of the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF) and accept funding for the 2025 fiscal year, 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026 up to an amount of \$282,000.

Background: The JCSO has been part of the WMDTF since 1997 and now manages all financial responsibilities for the WMDTF. Managing HIDTA funds for WMDTF will include receiving and paying invoices from the Golden Police Department, Lakewood Police Department, and Wheat Ridge Police Department for overtime costs associated with drug investigations. The JCSO also employs investigators that will be working overtime and charging their hours to the HIDTA grant. The HIDTA funds are essential for the operation of the WMDTF. The funds requested support overtime, administrative costs, service contracts, investigative/operational expenses, and office supplies.

Discussion: The JCSO is requesting grant funding to continue with the HIDTA program. The funding will cover overtime costs of current employees of the JCSO, Golden PD, Lakewood PD, and Wheat Ridge PD. The funding will also cover supplies, wireless service, equipment maintenance, and trial expenses associated to witness protection.

Fiscal Impact: **yes** **no**

This is a Federal grant for the Patrol Fund for an amount of up to \$282,000. There is no match requirement. The full amount of the grant award will be supplemented to the 2025 budget. The grant period is from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

- Year of impact: 2025 and 2026
- TABOR impact: No
- Existing grant or project: Yes, we apply for this funding yearly
- New grant or project: No

- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: Ongoing
- General Fund impact: No
- Staffing impact: No
- ARPA impact: No
- Match requirements: No
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

Revenue Limits Impact: yes no

There is no TABOR impact as this is a Federal grant.

SPA Review: Support, no concern.

This request is for a federal grant from the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas (HIDTA). There is no TABOR and no General Fund impact. This grant is applied for annually by the Sheriff's Office.

County Attorney Review: Kurtis Behn, approved 7/23/24

Facilities Review: Does not apply, no fiscal impact

BIT Review: Does not apply, no fiscal impact

Fleet Review: Does not apply, no fiscal impact

Human Resources Review (new FTE only): Does not apply, no fiscal impact

Recommendations: The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (BCC) directs staff to supplement the total amount of the award to the 2025 budget.

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