

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. BL
5/21/2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma regarding the appointment of an Assistant Municipal Counselor as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the 2023 Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula grant.

Background:

On April 23, 2024, the City Council authorized, by Resolution, the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$126,647 from the 2023 Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula grant passed through the District Attorneys Council (Item No. IX.BP). The U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma has established a Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Task Force to implement a strategic plan for addressing the most pressing violent crime problems within the district. The specific purpose of the grant award was to fund the salary of one attorney employed in the Municipal Counselor's Office to be designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) with a specific focus on prosecuting gun related violent crimes that occur within the corporate limits of the City.

The Intergovernmental Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for the appointment of the SAUSA and further establishes the roles and relationship between the City and the U.S. Attorney's Office as it relates to this position. The Oklahoma City Police Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office have a strong reciprocal relationship and work together frequently to interrupt and reduce violent crime in Oklahoma City through strategic enforcement of gun laws. This Agreement and the appointment of an Assistant Municipal Counselor as a SAUSA will allow both organizations to increase the capacity to enforce said laws, remove violent offenders from the public realm, and make the City of Oklahoma City safer.

Source of Funds:

State and Local Grants – Police Miscellaneous Grants-2023 PSN Grant (1923-4209099-G9998-G93408)

Review:

Municipal Counselor's Office

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.