

ITEM #:	17
DATE:	06-23-26
DEPT:	POLICE

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

BACKGROUND:

The Central Iowa Drug Task Force (CIDTF) has been in existence since 1991. **The goal of the CIDTF has consistently been focused on interrupting the trafficking and sale of controlled substances.** The nature of drug trafficking frequently leads to larger scale, more complex, inter-jurisdictional investigations. Although agency membership has changed over time, the Ames Police Department, Iowa State University Department of Public Safety, Story County Sheriff's Office, Story County Attorney, Boone County Sheriff's Office, City of Boone, as well as State partners are the current members.

The CIDTF operates through an Intergovernmental Agreement. An amendment has been prepared to clarify that officers and investigators to the task force maintain authority to investigate and charge offenses tangentially related to the trafficking and sales of controlled substances. Officers will also assist other agencies and task forces in their respective investigations as necessary, and respond to calls for assistance. The amendment is attached for the City Council's review and approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for Combined Law Enforcement Investigations of Controlled Substances as amended.
2. Do not approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Combined Law Enforcement Investigations of Controlled Substances as amended.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The work of the Central Iowa Drug Task Force is typically rated as a high priority in the City's annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey. In addition, the nature of illegal controlled substance distribution often requires shared investigative resources and multi-jurisdictional cooperation. **The amendment only clarifies the current practice that task force officers may also investigate other offenses tangentially related to the investigation of the trafficking and sale of controlled substances.** Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[CIDTF amendment re other investigations 5.18.2026.docx](#)