



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an interlocal agreement between the cities of North Richland Hills, Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst for cooperative investigative, enforcement, and prevention efforts which are known and designated as the Mid-Cities Drug Task Force.

PRESENTER: Jeff Garner, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The home rule cities of North Richland Hills, Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst have each collectively agreed to contribute personnel and resources into an interlocal cooperative agreement known as the Mid-Cities Drug Task Force. This cross-jurisdictional collaboration will enable each city to more effectively and efficiently combat the effects of illegal drug sales and distribution and the criminal enterprises that accompany such activities.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The cities of Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst are requesting to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the city of North Richland Hills to contribute police officers to the Mid-Cities Drug Task Force. This agreement has been in effect with the other aforementioned jurisdictions since February 2021, and the Mid-Cities Drug Task Force has been operating successfully since that time. The other participating jurisdictions have extended an opportunity for North Richland Hills to enter into this agreement.

The practice and effects of the illegal drug trade know no boundaries, and coordinating efforts with our surrounding cities strengthens each city's capability in mitigating the harmful effects these criminal enterprises have on our communities. This coordination of services reduces any one city's obligation for personnel, equipment, and training costs.

This agreement covers such requisite issues as liability, expenses, and interjurisdictional authorization to operate. Each participating city is required to cover their own individual personnel and equipment costs for their members added to the task force. Our participation does not add to our expenses nor create additional personnel requirements.



Upon entering into this agreement, the North Richland Hills Police Department will contribute one police officer, who will be assigned from the department's existing Special Investigations Unit, thereby also strengthening the capabilities of this unit and providing for greater inter-agency collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an interlocal agreement with the cities of Bedford, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst for cooperative investigative, enforcement, and prevention efforts.