



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton  
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong  
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton  
Urban County Council

*Lawrence B. Weathers*

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers  
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong  
Department of Public Safety

DATE: September 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) -  
- Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force Agreement

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**Request**

Authorization to accept the attached agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

**Why are you requesting?**

The Tactical Diversion Squad Agreement allows for one (1) Lexington Police Department Officer to be assigned to this task force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the officer will be under the direct supervision and control of a DEA Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Tactical Diversion Squad. The duties of the task force are as listed:

- a) Investigate, disrupt and dismantle individuals and/or organizations involved in diversion schemes (e.g. "doctor shopping", prescription forgery, and prevalent retail-level violators) of controlled pharmaceuticals and/or listed chemicals in the Kentucky area;
- b) Investigate, gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking of controlled pharmaceuticals and/or listed chemicals; and
- c) Conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The attached agreement requires the Mayor's signature. Upon approval and signing, please forward original agreement to the Chief's Office to acquire additional signature. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** N/A

**Are the funds budgeted?** N/A

**File Number:** 0947-21

**Director:** Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief  
Lexington Police Department

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