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Committee: Click here to enter text.	Date: 10/27/2022
Common Council Item Number: 22-5158	Date: 11/1/2022
Submitted By: Assistant Chief Ron Oremus	City Administrator Approval: Click here to enter text.
Finance Department Review: Click here to enter text.	City Attorney's Office Review: Click here to enter text.
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement for Waukesha County Drug Task Force.	

Details:
The City's Police Department has participated for some time in the Waukesha County Metro Drug Unit, which is now disbanded and is being replaced by the Waukesha County Drug Task Force. The Task Force will be comprised of the police departments from Waukesha, Menomonee Falls, New Berlin, Muskego, Eagle, Summit, Elm Grove, Oconomowoc, and Pewaukee, as well as the US Drug Enforcement Administration, Wisconsin DOJ-DCI, US Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Waukesha District Attorney, and Waukesha Sheriff's Department. The Task Force is similar in concept to the former Metro Drug Unit, providing for cooperation among the jurisdictions as well as allowing assigned officers to exercise authority in other jurisdictions. Participation by the DEA opens up the possibility of federal grant money.

The agreement is still under consideration by other participating jurisdictions, and some revisions to the agreement are possible. Therefore, we ask for approval of this agreement and authorization to execute it, subject to further modifications as approved by the City Attorney.

Options & Alternatives:
Participation in the Task Force is voluntary, not mandatory, so an option would be not to participate. However, the value of multi-jurisdictional cooperation in the investigation of illegal drug activity is well-proven, and the availability of federal grant money will enhance that value and benefit citizens of Waukesha.

Financial Remarks:
There is no financial impact to the City.

Executive Recommendation:
Approve participation of the Waukesha Police Department in the Waukesha County Drug Task Force, approve the Waukesha County Drug Task Force intergovernmental agreement subject to amendments as approved by the City Attorney, and authorize the Chief of Police to execute it as finally amended on behalf of the City.