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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	July 8, 2002
FROM:	City Manager for Chair, Drug-Crime Task Force	FILE:	0540-20
SUBJECT:	One-Time Funding Need for Drug-Crime Task Force		

1.0 RECOMMENDATION

Council approves \$5,000.00 from the Council Initiative Budget in support of the Drug-Crime Task Force.

2.0 BACKGROUND

In July 2001, the Mayor and Council met with several community representatives to discuss issues related to Drugs and Prostitution. This was followed by Roundtable Discussions on Drugs and Prostitution issues involving a large number of stakeholders including M.P.'s, M.L.A.'s, Surrey School Board, South Fraser Health Region and several community representatives.

Following from the above discussion sessions, a Drug and Crime Task Force was established. The members of this task force are listed in Appendix 'A' attached. It is chaired by Councillor Dianne Watts. The Drug-Crime Task Force, through their meetings and discussions, have established their Purpose and Goals as follows:

Statement of Purpose

The Drug-Crime Task Force intends to address the increasing need to:

- a) Reduce the negative social, health and safety impacts of substance misuse.
- b) Increase public awareness, access to information and support.
- c) Pro-actively work with children and youth.
- d) Bring the community together to direct this process.

Goal

“The goal of the Drug-Crime Task Force is to strive to improve the quality of life in Surrey by addressing the issues of substance misuse and related criminal activity through the development of a coordinated and comprehensive Drug Strategy, Action Plan and Implementation Plan that will provide a framework for program development, education, public involvement, and healthier communities.”

The above goal is further supported by the following two key goal areas:

Key Goal Area #1

- To create a clear, comprehensive Drug-Crime Strategy for the City of Surrey. This strategy must be realistic, action-orientated and easy to implement.

Key Goal Area #2

- Develop Implementation and Action Plans with the objective of creating sub-groups around education, awareness, prevention, treatment and enforcement. Each sub-group is to be responsible for discussing communication, partnership funding and specific goals.

3.0 DISCUSSION

The Drug-Crime Task Force has discussed the need for some professional assistance and resources related to the creation of a strategy as well as development of implementation and action plans. It is also noted that funding is available under “Safer Community Initiatives of the National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention” as well as the “Community Mobilization Program. However, the services of professionals are needed to prepare a comprehensive application package to obtain funding under these programs.

It is therefore requested that Council approve one-time funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Council Initiatives Budget which will then help secure funds to undertake the work of the above goals. Currently, the amount in the Council Initiative budget is \$384,000.00.

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DRUG-CRIME TASK FORCE

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