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Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 11, 2003

FROM: **City Manager** FILE:

SUBJECT: Drug Task Force Assignment

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve \$11,000 from the Council Initiative Fund (attachment 1) to hire a student for a 4- month Drug Task Force assignment.

BACKGROUND

At the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, Council approved at the March 24th, 2003 meeting, to engage an appropriately qualified student to undertake the assignment of researching, developing and coordinating information from the community that would be used to create a final document for the City's Drug Strategy (attachment 2). The Strategy is to focus on prevention, education (in community and schools), treatment and enforcement. It is estimated that this work will take approximately four months to complete.

DISCUSSION

Jennifer Parks has accepted the temporary assignment of Drug-Crime Task Force Coordinator and began working on June 30th. The salary related to this position is approximately \$11,000 including all benefits for the four-month period.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that \$11,000 be allocated from Council Initiatives to fund this temporary assignment.

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