



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/02/2026

**REQUESTER:** Kansas City Police Department

**PRESENTER:** Captain Carl Pendleton, Norman Police Department

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-178: A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA) WORLD CUP EVENTS IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The FIFA World Cup is an international soccer competition held every four years among senior men's national teams of members of the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"). The 2026 competition is being hosted by three countries (United States, Mexico, and Canada) among 11 host cities, including Kansas City, Missouri. The 2026 competition begins June 11, 2026 and ends July 19, 2026. Forty-eight teams will be traveling to the host cities for their competitions. The last time the FIFA World Cup was hosted by the United States was in 1994. Because of the large crowds from all over the world anticipated to attend the matches, each participating city is working with law enforcement partners in the region to work the events and provide valuable mutual aid. To ensure adequate security for the event, federal grants administered by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA in the total amount of \$625 million were provided to host cities in the United States. This grant funding ensures that law enforcement agencies from assisting communities will be reimbursed for their expenses.

Cities from the Oklahoma City region are interested in participating in this event because of the valuable information they can learn from Kansas City and from the event operations in preparation for the 2028 Olympic events that will be hosted in Oklahoma City. Norman Police Department leadership has identified key personnel to provide mutual aid for the FIFA World Cup.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Contract K-2526-178 provides for Norman officers to provide mutual aid. Once in Kansas City, they will be under the direction and authority of the local on-scene commanding law enforcement officer. When responding to requests for aid, Norman officers are required to follow the law as if they are providing service in Norman. The City will be responsible for all claims, damages and

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losses sustained by Norman officers. The City is not liable for any other action, failure to act, delay, mistake, failure to respond, negligence, or failure to effectively combat or handle any police problem arising out of the mutual aid requested or provided.

Officers providing mutual aid are anticipated to be assigned to the stadium to provide security in and around the stadium on match days or the FIFA Fan Festival. Housing at a local college and university dormitories will be provided and meals will also be provided during shifts worked. Contract K-2526-179 provides for reimbursement at a rate of \$150 an hour per person, per hour worked, not to exceed \$35,000. The City will have to submit for reimbursement in accordance with the applicable grant requirements. Norman Police leadership has attended training and received documentation to assist with the reimbursement process. Because reimbursement is through a federal grant, standard federal contract language for receipt of federal funding applies.

City staff has established a specific project (Number GP0051) to track costs and reimbursement, when received, will be recorded into the Special Grants Fund (Homeland Security Grant Revenue – Account No. 226-333352).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2526-178 and K-2526-179.