



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 3, 2023**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to provide accounts payable and light accounting services to Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding after review and final approval of the City Attorney and Interim City Manager.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Finance

**Background Information:**

Back in March 2023, former Novi Police Chief David Molloy met with City administration to discuss the opportunity for the City of Novi to perform accounts payable and light account duties for the Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), the organization for which he serves as the Deputy Director.

The HIDTA program was created by Congress in 1988. The HIDTA program is a federally funded grant program administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) within the Executive Office of the President of the United States. The Novi Police Department has been involved with the Michigan HIDTA for nearly 15 years. They have Novi PD Task Force Officers assigned to three of the HIDTA initiatives; two with the Drug Enforcement Administration and one with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Erick Zinser serves as a voting member on the Michigan HIDTA Executive Board as a representative of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Michigan HIDTA receives approximately \$4.0 million in federal funds annually to assist the region in the mission of reducing drug trafficking and drug production. The City of Novi has been asked to manage approximately \$614,000 of these funds. The City would be responsible for paying the current invoices for HIDTA. HIDTA then will submit the request for reimbursement from the Federal level. Once the request is approved (usually less than 14 days), the local government (Novi) is reimbursed for the payments directly from the Federal government.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to provide accounts payable and light accounting services to Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding after review and final approval of the City Attorney and Interim City Manager.