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## Resolution/Ordinance Cover Memo

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025

**Council Agenda Item:** 25-0906R

**Subject/Title:** 2026 Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (VCET) grant

**Submitted By:** Kerry Cronin-Jones

**Recommendation:** Approve

**Previous Council Action:** Last approved by council January 22, 2024

**Background:** The Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force (LSVOTF) was established in 1991 to enhance coordination and cooperation among participating agencies in the investigation and reduction of drug, gang, and violent crime within our region. The Task Force operates pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement, which was most recently amended and restated on June 25, 2025. The Board of Directors, along with representatives from participating agencies, convenes on a quarterly basis to provide oversight and strategic direction.

The City of Duluth serves as the Fiscal Agent for the LSVOTF and is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations; ensuring compliance with established policies, procedures, and reporting requirements; facilitating coordination among member agencies; and administering all financial matters, including grant management.

As a multi-jurisdictional entity composed of more than three law enforcement agencies, the LSVOTF is eligible to apply for funding through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs. The Task Force has been the recipient of VCET funding for more than a decade. In recent years, these funds have supported salary and fringe expenses for full-time embedded personnel, confidential investigative funds, and the insurance premium mandated by the Violent Crime Coordinating Council.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:** This is a reimbursement-based grant. Acceptance of the funds awarded will have a positive impact on revenues.

**Necessary Action:** Please approve.



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**Attachments:** 2026-2028 VCET Grant agreement, approved budget