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### **TOLEDO POLICE RECEIVE ANTI-GANG GRANT**

Toledo, Ohio -- The Toledo Police Department announced today that they have received a grant from The U.S. Department of Justice for \$125,291 to combat gang activity in the City of Toledo. The grant is a Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) grant. This is the second GREAT grant the city has received.

The grant will pay for overtime, equipment and supplies necessary for the Toledo Police Gang Task Force. This includes partial payment of police officers' salaries to engage in reducing gang activity in the city.

"Toledo Police's Gang Task Force is one of the most effective tools within the division," said Mayor Carty Finkbeiner. "While Toledo does not have a huge gang problem, this grant will help us fight what gang activity we do have and reduce its impact on the safety of our citizens."

"We appreciate the federal government's help in providing funds to reduce the activity of gangs in Toledo," said Chief Michael Navarre. "We'll use the grant to help pay overtime and other costs that are associated with deploying the Gang Task Force on the streets and increase their activity and effectiveness."

City Council will vote to accept the grant at their next scheduled meeting.

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