



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1352, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

3/7/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$494,123 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled the Crime Lab Enhancement Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Fund for the project period of January 1 - September 30, 2019. A match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

None

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

N/A.

Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the resolution required by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process related to \$494,123 in grant funding. The project period is January 1 - September 30, 2019. Coverdell funding will allow the City to provide overtime funds for forensic analysts to complete non-DNA casework and to purchase non-DNA equipment and supplies for the APD Crime Lab.

This is the fifteenth year of this project. APD anticipates that Coverdell funds will allow for approximately 1,125 hours of analysts overtime, with over 6,000 samples of evidence processed.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by Council that addresses items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept,

reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and

4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.