

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2524, Agenda Item #: 37.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$241,800 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$241,800 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will accept \$241,800 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD); and amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate \$241,800 for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project. A City funding match is not required.

CJD funding for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project will allow the City to enter into multiple contracts with DNA laboratories for evidence testing, technical review and Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) processing. Evidence will consist of non-SAK (sexual assault kit) DNA evidence, including suspect reference samples for comparison purposes.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Police Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.