



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3023, **Agenda Item #:** 34.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of, grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Crime Lab Enhancement Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$366,178 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 October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action

January 27, 2021 - City Council approved acceptance of grant funding.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$366,178 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022.

Coverdell funding will provide overtime (\$45,213) for existing civilian analysts to reduce backlogs in the specialty areas of chemistry, toxicology, AFIS and latent print, firearms/tool marks, and crime scene; equipment and supplies (\$315,865) that will allow analysts to effectively and efficiently conduct non-DNA casework in their respective specialties; and minimal training funds (\$5,100) to improve the knowledge and skills of analysts.

This is the eighteenth year of this project. APD anticipates that Coverdell funds will allow for the analysis of approximately 3,700 samples of evidence.

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.