



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3048, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

9/29/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$704,355 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Evidence Testing Program for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$704,355 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:

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution No. 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will accept \$704,355 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD); and amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to appropriate \$704,355 for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project for the grant period (September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023).

CJD funding for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project will allow the City to:

- complete DNA testing of reference samples to compare to suspect DNA identified by CODIS
- test additional evidence to aid in casework investigations
- complete the CODIS review and upload

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 continued funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety