

AGENDA



Thursday, April 19, 2007

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$93,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$93,000 for overtime forensic services and to purchase equipment and supplies for DNA analysis.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period of January 1, 2007 - June 30, 2007. A match is not required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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This action authorizes the City to accept \$93,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. The grant period runs from January 1 - June 30, 2007. No match is required. The total project cost is \$93,000.

Funding will be used to support Forensic Division overtime costs (\$12,950), as case backlogs in the latent print, ballistics, and crime scene sections are a high priority for the division. Funding will also be used to purchase the following equipment and supplies: five desk top computers (\$10,000); two color laser DNA printers (\$9,500); five LIMS licenses (\$25,000); four digital cameras (\$2,400); firearms sound meter (\$1,000); two ultra violet cameras/lens (\$6,000); five digital video cameras (\$5,000); two stereoscopes (\$7,000); Intoxilyzer 5000EN (\$6,800); reference books (\$1,000); armorer equipment (\$750); two laser measuring devices (\$1,400); three sketching program licenses (\$1,500); and, six wireless barcode readers (\$2,700). This grant addresses the Police Department goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning, and to increase the likelihood of the successful prosecution of criminals. It also addresses the Forensic Science Service activity goal of providing the timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.