

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 46**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$93,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program, for supplies, equipment, and overtime for existing laboratory personnel.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$93,000 is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program for the grant period October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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The Grantor requires a resolution certifying that the City is committed to providing for any applicable matching funds; the City has designated an authorized official to negotiate on its behalf; and the City will return funds to the Grantor in the event of a loss or misuse of grant funds. Therefore, this resolution is being brought forward for Council approval in order to complete the grant application process.

The \$93,000 in grant funding will provide for the following: \$21,824 in APD Forensic Division overtime funds to reduce latent print, ballistics and crime scene case backlogs; \$65,176 for equipment including computers, a UV Imager, camcorder, and workstations; and, \$6,000 for supplies and direct Forensic Division operating expenses.

This grant addresses the Department goals of reducing the violent crime rate and the property crime rate. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of the Forensics activity is to provide timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.