

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 55**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$135,000 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 is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program for the grant period October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: APD Chief of Staff David Carter/974-5030

Prior Council Action: Prior grant acceptance July 24, 2008.

Grant funding in the amount of \$135,000 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division will provide for the following: \$43,764 in APD Forensic Division overtime funds to reduce latent print, ballistics and crime scene case backlogs; \$83,236 for equipment; \$3,200 for supply items and, \$4,800 for LIMS system assistance.

To properly accept the \$135,000 in grant funding, the grantor requires a resolution that addresses the following:

1) Authorization 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; 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.

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.