

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 35

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$53,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to provide regional training on the topics of forensics and violent crime.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Grant funding in the amount of \$53,000 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division will allow the Austin Police Department to host regional training on the topics of forensics (crime scene investigation) and violent crime (interview and interrogation techniques for cases involving sexual assault, child exploitation, and child abuse).

To properly accept the \$53,000 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. 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.