

AGENDA



Thursday, August 26, 2010

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 27**

Subject: Approve an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Austin Police Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to accept \$51,496 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division and appropriate \$51,496 for the APD Central Records Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division for the grant period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. A match is not required. Related to Item #29.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

The City of Austin Police Department Central Records Division does not have the essential personnel necessary to reduce the backlog of arrest sheets that must be manually entered into the records database. Without the information contained on arrest sheets, law enforcement personnel, as well as prosecutors and the courts, do not have a complete picture of each arrest. Arrest sheet data includes the location of an offense, the APD case number, the names of officers involved, the arresting agency, notations of multiple charges for the same arrest, and warrant numbers. Funding will allow the City to hire four part-time temporary data-entry assistants to perform data entry 22 hours per week for the duration of the 10-month grant period. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

To properly accept the \$51,496 in grant funding, the grantor requires a city action 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 goal of assisting victims of crime.