

AGENDA



Thursday, October 28, 2010

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 30**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$144,628 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 to appropriate \$144,628 to purchase equipment and related supplies for the Austin Police Clandestine Lab Response Team.

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 September 30, 2011. A match is not required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: April 8, 2010 City Council approved resolution 20100408-012 authorizing the application of grant funds.

The City's original application for this grant was for a laser scanning system and equipment and related supplies for the Clandestine Lab Response Team. However, only the Clandestine Lab Response Team was selected for funding. This grant award was not anticipated or included in the approved Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. Notification of the pending award was received September 28, 2010.

The Austin Police Department (APD) Crime Laboratory and the Organized Crime Division jointly respond to calls related to potential clandestine labs within the community. The goal of this grant is to increase the capacity of the APD Clandestine Lab Response Team (CLRT) in order to decrease narcotics-related offenses and to improve the safety of CLRT responders.

To properly accept the \$144,628 in grant funding, the grantor requires an ordinance 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 the grantor: State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division.

This grant addresses the Department goal of reducing the violent crime rate.