

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 7414 Agenda Number 42.

Meeting Date: 6/23/2011 Department: Austin Police Department

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$182,256 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled the Austin Police Department Coverdell Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$182,256 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program for the project period of October 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. A match is not required. The project period is October 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

A fiscal note is not required. Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: For More Information: Sean Mannix, Assistant Chief / 974-5030 Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the resolution required by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$182,256 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

State funding through the Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program will allow for forensic analysts to complete non-DNA casework on an overtime basis. Grant funds will also allow for the purchase of equipment (\$137,300) and supplies (\$15,250).

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses items one through four below.

- 1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD 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 (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during

the grant period.); 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.