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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25988	Agenda Number	37.
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Meeting Date:	8/22/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$113,090.22 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department Coverdell Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$113,090.22 is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program for the project period of October 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. A match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	In June 2011, the City Council approved a Coverdell Grant to allow for non-DNA overtime casework. In September 2012, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$71,214 in grant funding from the State of Texas to implement the Austin Police Department Coverdell Project.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$113,090.22 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

State funding through the Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program will allow existing City-funded forensic analysts to complete non-DNA casework on an overtime basis and for the laboratory to hire temporary AFIS analysts to reduce the backlog of fingerprint cases. Grant funds will also allow for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the APD Crime Lab.

This will be the tenth year of funding under the State Coverdell Program. The FY2012 grant (year 9) recently expired. From October 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, grant funds resulted in the reduction of approximately 1,000 non-DNA backlogged cases.

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.