

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L  
**AGENDA**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 27**

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing application for renewal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$60,730 for the 2006 Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction program which is designed to increase DNA case screening and analysis.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available for the grant period of October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007. No match is required.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup  
Material**

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[Resolution](#)**For More Information:** Chief Cathy Ellison/974-5035

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$60,730 in grant renewal funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. The grant period runs from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. No match is required. The total project cost is \$60,730.

This funding will be used to provide the APD Crime Lab with a Serology Screener at \$60,730. The screener will coordinate with investigators and lab personnel to locate evidence and ensure the integrity of the chain of custody during the screening stain collection and storage of backlogged Sexual Assault Kits. The goal of the project is to process 400 backlogged kits.

This grant addresses the Police Department goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning, and to increase the likelihood of the successful prosecution of criminals. It also addresses the Forensic Science Service activity of providing the timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20060727-**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin to authorize the application for \$60,730 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the 2006 Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction program which is designed to increase DNA case screening and analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$60,730 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the 2006 Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction program which is designed to increase DNA case screening and analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the U.S. Department of Justice funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the U.S. Department of Justice, in full; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves the application for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$60,730.

**ADOPTED:** July 27, 2006

**ATTEST:**

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk

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