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Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 17

Subject Approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of \$98,723 in grant funds from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2006 COPS Technology Initiative Program for the grant period of November 22, 2005 to November 21, 2008 A cash match is not required

Additional Backup Material

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Resolution

For More Information Cathy Ellison, Acting Chief of Police/974-5853

This action approves a resolution authorizing acceptance of \$98,723 in grant funds from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the upgrade of technology for APD interview rooms and investigative units

The COPS Technology Initiative Program is designed to improve police department operations through additional or new technology Grant funds will be used to upgrade equipment that is critical to conducting police investigations of violent crimes The grant will be used to fund standard digital audio/video recorder systems for 12 interview rooms of the Austin Police Department (APD); as well as one digital imaging system to be used by APD's robbery and homicide units Currently, the audio and visual recording technology in the interview rooms at the various substations is obsolete, thus making it very difficult for investigators to prepare their cases A digital imaging system will vastly improve APD's investigative capabilities by making evidence useable and accessible to other involved parties, such as local prosecutors

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

RESOLUTION NO.

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 acceptance of \$98,723 in grant funding from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the upgrade of technology for APD interview rooms and investigative units, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the acceptance of grant funds for said project in the amount of \$98,723 from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the upgrade of technology for APD interview rooms and investigative units, 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 acceptance of grant funding from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), in the amount of \$98,723

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST:

Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk