



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1313, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

2/20/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$289,777 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project titled the Crime Lab Enhancement Project. Related to Council item 25.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$289,777 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division's Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Fund for the project period of January 1 - September 30, 2020. A City funding match is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 - City Council approved the City's FY2019-2020 Operating Budget, which included grant funding from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Crime Lab Enhancement Project

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process for the \$289,777 grant funding. The project period is January 1 - September 30, 2020.

Coverdell funding will allow the City to:

- provide overtime funds for forensic analysts to complete non-DNA casework;
- purchase an Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatograph-Photodiode Array-Mass Spectrometer (UPLC-PDA-MS) with nitrogen generator (non-DNA equipment); and
- purchase mass spectrometer consumables.

This is the project's sixteenth year. APD anticipates the Coverdell funds will provide approximately 1,125 hours of analyst overtime and will include over 1,115 samples of evidence processed.

The CJD requires a resolution approved by the City Council that addresses the following:

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.