



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1314, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

2/20/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$89,777 in additional grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Fund; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate \$89,777 for the Crime Lab Enhancement Project. Related to Council item 24.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$89,777 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This item is related to the approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$289,777 in grant funding. The City's FY2019-2020 Operating Budget included \$200,000 for this grant funded project and this action will accept an additional \$89,777 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Fund.

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 the 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.