



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$241,800 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$241,800 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Evidence Testing Grant Program for the project period of September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021. A City funding match is not required.

### **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 related to \$241,800 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021. CJD funding for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project will allow the City to enter into multiple contracts with DNA laboratories for evidence testing, technical review and Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) processing. Evidence will consist of non-SAK (sexual assault kit) DNA evidence, including suspect reference samples for comparison purposes. This is the first year of this project.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes the following criteria:

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.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.