



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$93,447 from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division Coverdell Forensics Science Improvement Program for the Austin Police Department, Forensic Science Division to receive training in forensic sample evidence examination; and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$93,447.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division Coverdell Forensics Science Improvement Program for the grant period February 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005. An in-kind match is not required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Council approved application for grant on January 13, 2005.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

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Funding will be utilized by APD Crime Lab employees to attend training classes and seminars covering various aspects of forensic sample evidence examination. The Austin Police Department Forensics Laboratory is preparing for American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) accreditation with a target date of September 2005. An important component of the accreditation process is the laboratory system's training program. The training program must be sufficiently comprehensive to cover all aspects of the work performed by a laboratory for each discipline in which the laboratory performs casework.

The Coverdell Forensics Science Program will enable the Forensics lab to access the training they need for the proper documentation, testing, examinations and retention of evidence.

This grant addresses the Department goals of reducing the violent crime rate and the property crime rate. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of the Forensics activity is to provide timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and



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judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.

**OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

4/7/2005
Ordinance
Police

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Costs:	<u>Approved Budget 2004-05</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2004-05</u>
Special Revenue Fund Coverdell Forensic Training Funds	\$0	\$93,447	\$93,447
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,447</u>	<u>\$93,447</u>
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget Office: Date: 5/22/05

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the application for and acceptance of \$93,447 in grant funds from the State of Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division Coverdell Forensics Science Improvement Program for training in forensic sample evidence examination for the Police Department Forensic Science Division.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$93,447.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
David Allan Smith Shirley A. Brown
City Attorney City Clerk