



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

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 16
AGENDA DATE: Thu 10/20/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$99,992 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction Program; and, amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$99,992 for increased DNA casework screening and analysis.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available for the grant period October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Robert Dahlstrom

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Dahlstrom, Assistant Chief/974-5482

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the City to accept \$99,992 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction Program; and, amending the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Operating Budget of the Police Department, Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$99,992 for increased DNA casework screening and analysis. The grant period runs from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. No match is required. The total project cost is \$99,992.

This funding will be used to provide the APD Crime Lab with two consultants: one Serology Screener at \$58,940 and one Evidence Tech at \$41,052. The consultants will coordinate with investigators and lab personnel to locate evidence and ensure the integrity of the chain of custody during the screening, stain collection and storage of backlogged Sexual Assault Kits. The goal of the project is to process 400 backlogged kits.

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. It also addresses the Forensic Science Service activity of providing the timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.

OPERATING BUDGET Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

10/20/05
Ordinance
Police

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	Approved Budget 2005-2006	Impact of this Action	Amended Budget 2005-2006
Special Revenue Fund Casework Backlog Reduction Program 10/1/05 - 9/30/06	\$0	\$99,992	\$99,992
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$99,992</u>	<u>\$99,992</u>
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget Office: _____

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Date: _____

9-30-05