

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/11/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0214

**LOG NAME:** 35FY2026 STATE SAK-ET PROGRAM

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Ratify the Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program from the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Fiscal Year 2026 in an Amount Up to \$250,000.00 for Contractual Services for the Screening and/or Processing of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement with the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Adopt Resolution, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program, from the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount up to \$250,000.00;
  2. Authorize the execution of a related grant agreement with the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office;
  3. Adopt the attached Resolution for acceptance of grant funds in an amount up to \$250,000.00 and to make assurances as required by the Fiscal Year 2026 Public Safety Office Grant Program; and
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in an amount up to \$250,000.00, for contractual services for the screening and/or processing of sexual assault evidence collection kits.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The application deadline for the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program FY2026 is February 13, 2025.

The Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory has applied for program funding in an amount up to \$250,000.00 for costs associated with the forensic analysis of physical evidence in relation to sexual assault or other sex offenses. If awarded, allowable uses of funds are limited to the screening, processing, and/or entering relevant information into Combined DNA Index System for sexual assault evidence collection kits and will pay for:

1. Overtime or temporary/contract workers who screen and/or process sexual assault kits,
2. Contractual services for screening and/or processing of sexual assault kits,
3. Supplies and equipment used in the screening and/or processing of sexual assault kits, or
4. Salaries and benefits for workers who screen and/or process sexual assault kits.

FWPD-CL will use the grant funding for contractual services for screening and/or processing of approximately 110 sexual assault kits by outsourcing to an accredited laboratory with the average cost of approximately \$2272.00 per kit.

No salaries are being charged to this grant, and therefore indirect cost recovery does not apply. The Grant Application Repository number for tracking purposes is GRNT-APPL-0000000110.

Matching funds are not required under the grant. The funding type is reimbursable.

The grant will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Office of the Texas Governor

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating State Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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