

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35STATE JAG FY2023

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify the Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division Fiscal Year 2023 Criminal Justice Grant Program in an Amount of \$33,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Office of the Governor, Adopt Attached Resolution and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for, and authorize acceptance of, if awarded, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division Fiscal Year 2023 Criminal Justice Grant Program in an amount of \$33,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division;
 3. Adopt the attached Resolution for acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$33,000.00 and to make assurances as required by the Criminal Justice 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 of \$33,000.00, for the purpose of funding costs associated with the replacement of aging laboratory equipment.
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DISCUSSION:

The application deadline for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, Criminal Justice Grant Program (JAG) is February 10, 2022. City Council's projected agenda date for this M&C will surpass the application's deadline.

The Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (FWPD-CL) has applied for program funding in the amount of \$33,000.00 for costs associated with the replacement of aging laboratory equipment, including hydrogen generators or similar. If awarded, the FWPD-CL will purchase two hydrogen generators to test evidence for the presence of substances which are controlled by federal and State law, as well as test driving under influence/driving while intoxicated (DUI/DWI) samples to determine the blood alcohol concentration during the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Cycle.

The FWPD-CL Chemistry Unit provides evidence testing services at the request of the Fort Worth Police Department and the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. Aging equipment and equipment failure could negatively impact case turnaround time and backlog, causing the results of said tests to be delayed to our law enforcement and criminal justice stakeholders which are needed for the successful prosecution of narcotic cases. Funding for this project will improve the criminal justice system by contributing to the FWPD-CL Chemistry Unit's ability to do casework in a timely manner through the usage of properly functioning equipment.

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

Indirect costs are an allowable budget category in the grant. The budget will include indirect costs if applicable.

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: Texas Office of the Governor

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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