

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/28/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-1011

LOG NAME: 35FY2025 DNA CEBR PROGRAM-FORMULA

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Application for, and if Awarded, the Acceptance of, the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2025 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in an Amount Up to \$407,049.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for, and acceptance of, the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant Fiscal Year 2025 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in an amount up to \$407,049.00;
2. Authorize execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in an amount up to \$407,049.00, for the purpose of the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant Fiscal Year 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The application deadline for the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR)-Formula Grants Program is October 29, 2025.

The primary goal of the United States Department of Justice FY25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program is to assist eligible states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories or laboratory systems to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA databases laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce and/or prevent a backlog.

The Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory will apply for program funding in an amount up to \$407,049.00 in eligible grant expenses that may include but not limited to operational supplies, equipment, training, and contractual services.

Matching funds are not required under the grant. The funding type is reimbursable. Indirect costs are an allowable budget category in this grant. Indirect costs revenues are not expected to result from this grant as there will be no payroll charged to this program. The Grant Application Repository Number is GRNT-APPL-0000000147.

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: U. S. Department of Justice

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 Federal 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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