

Mayor and Council Communication

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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 2022 Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement With the Office of the Governor, Adopt Resolution and Adopt 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 2022 Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00;
 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 not to exceed \$200,000.00 and to make assurances as required by the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant Program; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 subject to receipt of the grant.
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DISCUSSION:

The Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (FWPD-CL) has applied for program funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 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 to outsource backlogged DNA sexual assault kits to a qualified Combined DNA Index System vendor in an effort to reduce the number of sexual assault kit backlogs.

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: 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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