

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 02/24/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0132

**LOG NAME:** 35FY27 TXPSO TESTING OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE PROGRAM

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant from the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Fiscal Year 2027 in an Amount Up to \$320,000.00 for Contractual Services for the Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis of Cold-Case Homicides and Sexual Assault Cases, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, Adopt Resolution, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, the Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program, from the Office of the Texas Governor, Public Safety Office, Fiscal Year 2027 in an amount up to \$320,000.00;
  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 \$320,000.00 and to make assurances as required by the Fiscal Year 2027 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 \$320,000.00, for the purpose of funding contractual services for the genetic genealogical DNA analysis of cold-case homicides and sexual assault cases.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

February 12, 2026 is the submission deadline for the Office of the Texas Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program application. An executed Resolution must be submitted with the application for the application to be considered completed and eligible for funding.

The purpose of the FY2027 OOG, PSO, Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program is to solicit applications from law enforcement agencies for costs associated with forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis. The goal and allowable costs of the funds are limited to 1) the outsourcing of forensic analysis to public or private accredited labs and 2) the expenses of expedited forensic analysis services.

If awarded, the Fort Worth Police Department Homicide Unit will use the requested funds for contractual services from an accredited lab for forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and the testing of Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) using massively parallel sequencing or Microarray technology. The grant period for the Award is from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

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-0000000173.

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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