

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2023 DNA CEBR PROGRAM-FORMULA

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Application for, and the Acceptance of the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant Fiscal Year 2023 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in an Amount Up to \$800,000.00, 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 2023 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in an amount up to \$800,000.00;
 2. Authorize execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and 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 \$800,000.00, for the purpose of the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant Fiscal Year 2023.
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DISCUSSION:

The overarching goal of the United States Department of Justice DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Grant Program (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 \$800,000.00 in eligible grant expenses including but not limited to personnel, supplies, equipment, training, and/or contractual services. If awarded, the grant will continue to fund the Property Control Specialist's salary at 100%. This position in this grant has been funded since Fiscal Year 2017. If this grant were not to be awarded, the Police Department will need to either identify another source of funds or terminate this position.

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: United States 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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