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AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Sean Whent
Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Supplemental Report DNA Backlog
Reduction Program

DATE: October 28, 2013

City Administrator
Approval

Date

10-30-13

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator on behalf of the City of Oakland, to 1) accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Eight dollars (\$427,368) from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (USDOJ/NIJ) for Implementation of the Fiscal Year 2013 Forensic Casework Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Grant Program in the Oakland Police Department, and 2) for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015, approve a waiver of the Central Services Overhead (CSO), and 3) waive the advertising and competitive bidding requirements for the purchases of DNA typing supplies and maintenance of DNA Typing Instruments in the amount of Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$54,700) from Life Technologies, Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$34,200) from QIAGEN, Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Nine dollars (\$4,869) From VWR/Fisher/USA Scientific, Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) from Aurora Biomed, and Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$31,600) from Promega.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

On October 22, 2013, the Public Safety Committee asked staff to provide answers to the following questions.

1. How does the Fiscal Year 2013 Forensic Casework Deoxyribonucleic Acid Backlog Reduction Grant Program relate to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim Sexual Assault Kit grant project?

The Fiscal Year 2013 Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program (hereafter DNA Backlog 2013 Grant) and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim Sexual Assault Kit program are not related financially. The DNA Backlog 2013 grant is sponsored by the National Institute of Justice. The Oakland Police Department Criminalistics Laboratory has

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3. Are the two positions funded by the DNA Backlog 2013 Grant new or existing positions, if new, how long will it take to fill the positions?

The DNA Backlog 2013 grant funds provide the salaries of two current positions in the laboratory—a Criminalist I position and a Forensic Technician position. The Criminalist I position is currently filled. The Forensic Technician position was recently vacated by promotion of the individual into a general fund Criminalist position. The Forensic Technician vacancy is in the process of being filled. The candidates for this position have been interviewed. A recommendation will be made once references have been contacted. The selected individual will then undergo a background investigation. It is anticipated this vacancy will be filled by the end of the year.

The DNA Backlog 2013 grant funded positions are separate to the newly identified positions in the Criminalistics Laboratory.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Criminalist III Jennifer Mihalovich at (510) 238-3386.

Respectfully submitted,



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