

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

2006 FEB 15 PM 12:48

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Police Department
DATE: February 28, 2006

RE: **A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount not to Exceed Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six Dollars (\$17,886) from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Program, and Appropriate Said Funds to the Police Department**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,886 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement grant program, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department. The funds will be used for staff training in direct relationship to the improvement of forensic laboratory services in the Department's Criminalistics Division. The grant term is January 1, through December 31, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the Department will receive State of California grant funds in the amount of \$17,886 to supplement the cost of the staff training and professional development activities in the Criminalistics Division. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the State of California Grant Fund: 2152, Criminalistics Division Org.: 102610, Criminalistics Division Program: PS05, in a Project Account to be determined. The program will be managed by the Criminalistics Division Manager. Expense allocations are as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Promega Human Identity Meeting (DNA related training)	\$2,426
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conference	\$4,054
California Association of Criminalists Semi-Annual Conference	\$2,897
Association of Firearms and Toolmarks Examiners Conference	\$1,988
National Center for Forensic Science Basic Fire Debris Analysis Course	\$2,336
91 st Annual International Association for Identification Conference	\$2,427
California Division Conference of the International Association for Identification	\$1,516
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Annual Laboratory Development Conference	\$242
TOTAL:	\$17,886

BACKGROUND

In November 2005, the State of California, Office of Emergency Services issued a non-competitive grant solicitation to crime laboratories throughout the state under the auspices of the 2005/2006 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act grant program. The Police Department's Criminalistics Laboratory submitted a proposal supporting five primary objectives:

- Continuing education and training of forensic scientists
- Maintaining of laboratory accreditation standards
- Improved turnaround time for casework in Latent Prints Comparison, DNA Analysis, Firearms Analysis and general criminalistics functions
- Restoring of services in Fire Debris Analysis
- Promotion of training in areas of laboratory quality assurance

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

As a means of assisting local agencies in maintaining crime laboratory accreditation standards, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in collaboration with the California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, provides grant funds for qualifying forensic laboratories throughout California. The Department's Criminalistics Division will use the funds to provide increased education and training in technical and professional skills to technical staff in the laboratory. By increasing forensic staff training, laboratory personnel will become more effective and efficient in meeting the needs of the criminal justice system. These funds will provide training to nine staff in six forensic subject areas.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Criminalistics Division consists of several units, each responsible for the scientific evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence. The laboratory is structured into three major disciplines: Latent Prints, Drug Analysis, and Major Criminalistics; which includes Forensic Biology/DNA and Firearms Analysis. In some cases, technical staff are assigned to more than one unit.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

There are no direct economic opportunities associated with this report.

Environmental

No direct environmental opportunities are anticipated.

Social Equity

The training and research received through the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act program will assist the Police Department in its efforts to positively identify, arrest, and prosecute violent offenders in our communities.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no disability or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

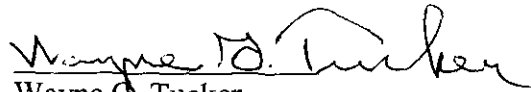
RECOMMENDATION

The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,886 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Service, Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act grant program and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL


Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief of Police

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Bureau of Investigations
And
Candice Jessie, Fiscal Services Division
Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.
2006 FEB 16 PM 12:48
Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$17,886) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Police Department will be awarded up to \$17,886 in funds from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the NFSIA Program is designed to provide forensic personnel with ongoing training geared toward improving forensic laboratory service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 79501 C.M.S., dated October 4, 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,886 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the State of California Grant Fund: 2152, Criminalistics Division Org.: 102610, Criminalistics Division Program: PS05, in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, as agent of the City, to conduct all negotiations and related actions and to sign all applications and agreements that may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California