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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 86982 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION: 1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$246,237) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (USDOJ/NIJ) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT (OPD) FORENSIC CASEWORK DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) BACKLOG REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM; AND 2) WAIVING THE CITY ADVERTISING AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DNA TYPING SUPPLIES FROM: (A) PROMEGA FOR THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$35,892), AND (B) QIAGEN FOR TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000).

WHEREAS, the advent of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) technology and automation equipment has revolutionized law enforcement's ability to analyze biological evidence at a genetic level; and

WHEREAS, the DNA analysis of semen evidence encountered in sexual assault cases can provide information leading to arrest and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Police Department (OPD) Criminalists conduct analysis on sexual assault evidence and produce reports to the investigators within 20 business days of the receipt of the kit in the laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the DNA Forensic Casework Backlog Program was created by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (USDOJ/NIJ) to assist laboratories that conduct DNA analysis with a goal of improving DNA laboratory infrastructure and analysis capacity so that DNA samples can be processed efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$246,237 were awarded by USDOJ/NIJ to the Oakland Police Department (OPD) to its Fiscal Year 2017

implementation of the DNA Backlog Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, the DNA Backlog Reduction Program was created to assist laboratories in reducing the number of cases in their backlog in which DNA analyses may be conducted on biological evidence; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be allocated to continue to employ one (1) Criminalist I, for staff required training, and for the purchase of laboratory validated DNA typing reagents; and

WHEREAS, the USDOJ/NIJ DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program rules do not allow funds to be spent on indirect overhead costs, a contribution from the General Purpose Fund in an amount equivalent to the Central Services Overhead in an estimated amount of twelve thousand nine hundred and fifty seven dollars and sixty cents (\$12,957.60) is requested; and

WHEREAS, the OPD Criminalistics Division also plans to use \$62,892 in USDOJ/NIJ DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant funds to purchase needed DNA reagent typing supplies; and

WHEREAS, the OPD Criminalistics Division must use reagent typing supplies from particular vendors have undergone rigorous validation studies and are currently used by the OPD Crime Laboratory because purchasing DNA supplies from vendors other than those who manufacture DNA kits would not be acceptable as the OPD Forensic Biology Unit has not validated their use and hence would violate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) DNA Quality Assurance Standards (QAS); and

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Section 2.04.050.I.5 authorizes the City Council to waive the advertising and competitive bidding requirements of OMC Section 2.04.050 after a finding and determination that it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the grant term for the proposed initiative is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 86532 C.M.S., dated November 22, 2016, Resolution No. 85899 C.M.S., dated November 17, 2015, Resolution No. 85223 C.M.S., dated October 21, 2014, Resolution No. 84686 C.M.S., dated November 5, 2013, Resolution No. 84041 C.M.S., dated October 2, 2012; Resolution No. 83672 C.M.S., dated December 15, 2011; Resolution No. 83030 C.M.S., dated October 19, 2010; Resolution No. 82291 C.M.S., dated September 22, 2009; Resolution No. 81624 C.M.S., dated October 21, 2008; Resolution No. 80869 C.M.S., dated October 2, 2007; Resolution No. 80129 C.M.S., dated September 19, 2006; Resolution No. 79534 C.M.S., dated October 18, 2005 and Resolution No. 78909 C.M.S., dated November 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council make a finding and a

determination that it is in the best interests of the City to waive advertising and bidding processes because purchasing DNA supplies from vendors other than those who manufacture DNA kits currently used by the Crime Laboratory would not be effective as other DNA supplies from other vendors have not been validated for use; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or designee, to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$246,237 from the USDOJ/; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all central services overhead charges associated with this grant in an estimated amount of twelve thousand nine hundred and fifty seven dollars and sixty cents (\$12,957.60) will be offset through a contribution of the General-Purpose Fund; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant funds, in an amount not to exceed \$246,237, shall be appropriated in the Federal Grant Fund (2112), Criminalistics Division Org. (102610), Criminalistics Division Program (PS05), in a Project Number to be established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant funds shall be used to fully fund one (1) Criminalist I position to conduct examination of biological material during the term of the grant; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant funds shall be used to fund DNA training courses, and purchase laboratory validated DNA typing reagents utilized in the examination of biological material; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council finds and determines that pursuant to OMC Section 2.04.050.1.5 and based upon the reasons stated above and in the City Administrator's report accompanying this resolution, that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the advertising and competitive bidding requirements of the OMC for the purchases of DNA typing supplies from Qiagen for twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) and Promega for thirty five thousand eight hundred and ninety two dollars (\$35,892); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, agreements and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend the grant award; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That any agreement authorized by this resolution shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution, and a copy shall be placed on file with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NOV 28 2017

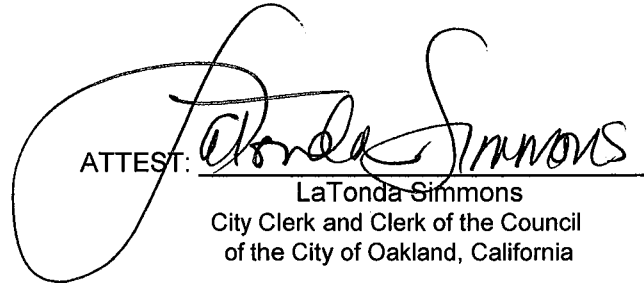
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, GIBSON
MCELHANEY, and PRESIDENT REID - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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