

CITY OF OAKLAND

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Police Department
DATE: October 13, 2009

RE: **A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in the Amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Three Dollars (\$116,603) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for Continued Implementation of the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants 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 the amount of \$116,603 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell). Coverdell funds are allocated to government operated crime laboratories throughout the United States. The funds will be used for equipment and supplies in direct relationship to the improvement of forensic laboratory services. The proposed grant term is October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

The U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice has approved the Police Department's Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program application and awarded the City of Oakland \$116,603 in grant funds. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated to the Federal Grant Fund (2112), Criminalistics Division Org. (102610), Criminalistics Program (PS05), in a Project Account to be determined. There is no match requirement. Expense allocations are as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds Staff Training	Amount
HP Workstations and Monitors	\$16,114
Foray Technologies ADAMS Imaging System (Server)	\$96,169
Adobe Photoshop CS 4 Software	\$4,320
TOTAL:	\$116,603

BACKGROUND

In early 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice issued a solicitation to crime laboratories under the FY 2009 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. These competitive awards were available to state and local law enforcement agencies. The Police Department Criminalistics Laboratory submitted a proposal supporting three primary objectives:

- Installation of a modern image capture imaging system that is faster, more efficient and fully accepted by the courts.
- Utilization of an imaging system which would increase throughput of latent print comparison and development/processing services, including improved turnaround time and reduction of backlogs.
- Utilization of an imaging system which would further the Crime Laboratory's goal of full, systematic use of latent print databases to solve unsolved crime and increased ability to expedite high priority cases.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, provides funds for qualifying forensic laboratories throughout the nation as a means by which to maintain accreditation standards and provide cost-effective services. Equipment and supply purchases to improve efficiency were allowable expenses. To this extent, the Department's Criminalistics Division determined that the best use for the Coverdell funds was to purchase supplies and equipment to enhance investigatory proficiency levels in the crime laboratory; thereby becoming more effective and efficient in meeting the needs of the criminal justice system.

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 equipment and supplies received through the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program will assist the Police Department in its efforts to positively identify, arrest, and prosecute violent offenders within our community.


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 the amount of \$116,603 from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program and appropriate said funds to the Police Department Criminalistics Division.

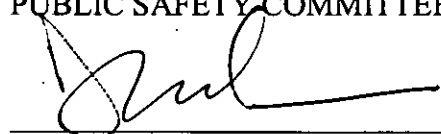
Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

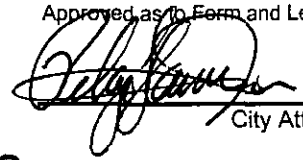


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

2009 OCT -1 PM 2:59 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND THREE DOLLARS (\$116,603) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, FOR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that grant funds in the amount of \$116,603 will be awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the continued implementation of the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell) in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department's Coverdell Program is designed to provide forensic personnel with equipment and supplies geared toward improving forensic laboratory services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 80576 C.M.S., dated May 15, 2007, Resolution No. 79765 C.M.S., dated March 7, 2006, and Resolution No. 79501 C.M.S., dated October 4, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the grant term for the proposed Coverdell grant program is October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or his designee to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$116,603 from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, and to increase revenues and appropriate said budget to the Police Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That grant funds shall be maintained in the Federal Grant Fund (2112), 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, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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