

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
 ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
 FROM: Police Department  
 DATE: September 27, 2005

**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 Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$12,780) from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Program to the Police Department for Participation in the Program**

**SUMMARY**

The Oakland Police Department's Criminalistics Laboratory applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$12,780 from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) Program. The funds will be used for staff training in direct relationship to the improvement of forensic laboratory services. The grant term for this initiative is March 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Administrator to accept funds in the amount of \$12,780 from the NFISA grant program, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department's Criminalistics Laboratory. Grant funds will be maintained in the State of California Grant Fund: 2159, Criminalistics Division Org.: 102610, Criminalistics Division Program: PS05, in a Project Account to be determined. Program budget details are:

Description and Use of Funds	Amount
International Association for Identification – 2005 Annual Conference	\$1,888
International Association for Identification "Demystifying Palmprints" Course	1,236
International Association for Identification "Basic Forensic Ridgeology" Course	1,906

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Promega Human Identity Meeting	3,316
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting	2,306
Shot Show (Firearms Related Training)	1,508
California Criminalistics Institute Course	620
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,780</b>

## **BACKGROUND**

In March 2005, the State of California, Office of Emergency Services issued a solicitation to crime laboratories under the 2004/2005 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act. These competitive awards were available to state and local law enforcement agencies. The Police Department Criminalistics Laboratory submitted a proposal supporting four primary objectives:

1. To provide continuing education and training of forensic scientists
2. To maintain laboratory accreditation standards
3. To improve turnaround time for casework through Latent Prints Comparison, DNA Analysis, and Firearms Analysis
4. To restore services in Fire Debris Analysis

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in collaboration with the California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, provides training funds for qualifying forensic laboratories throughout California in order to maintain accreditation standards and to provide cost-effective services. The state determined that the best means to accomplish this is to provide education and training in technical and personal skills to California's forensic laboratories. It is anticipated that by increasing forensic staff training, each laboratory will become 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 Print, Drug Analysis, and Major Criminalistics. In many 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 within our community.


## **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

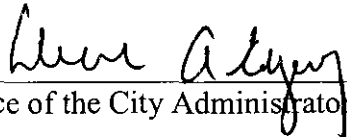
Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed resolution to accept \$12,780 in grant the funds awarded under the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

  
Office of the City Administrator

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*[Signature]*  
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$12,780) FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT ACT PROGRAM TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, grant funds totaling \$12,780 have been awarded to the Police Department from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's NFSIA Program is designed to provide forensic personnel with ongoing training geared toward improving forensic laboratory services; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant term for the NFSIA Program is March 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$12,780 from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the State of California Grant Fund: 2159, 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