

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Police Department
DATE: July 13, 2004

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 Nine Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$9,180) from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Program being conducted in the Police Department**

SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department's Criminalistics Laboratory applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$9,180 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, 2004 through February 28, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Administrator to accept funds in the amount of \$9,180 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, Org.: 102610, in a Project Account to be determined. Program budget details are as follows:

Description and Use of Funds	Amount
International Association for Identification – 2004 Annual Conference	1,640
California State Division – International Association for Identification Annual Conference	694
Promega Human Identity Meeting	1,840
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting	1,098
Combined Offender DNA Indexing System Meeting	1,210
Association of Firearm & Toolmark Examiners 2004 Annual Training Seminar	1,803
California Criminalistics Institute Course	895
TOTAL:	\$9,180

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BACKGROUND

In November 2003, the State of California, Office of Emergency Services issued a solicitation to crime laboratories under the 2003/2004 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 three primary objectives:

- To provide continuing education and training of forensic scientists
- To maintain laboratory accreditation standards
- To improve turnaround time for casework through Latent Prints Comparison, DNA Analysis, and Firearms 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 professional 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.

Additional Paul Coverdell Initiative Funding

It should be noted that in 2003, the Department received grant funds in the amount of \$239,354 for an additional Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Program initiative (Resolution 78254 C.M.S., dated December 16, 2003). The program focused on the development of improved laboratory services involving two specific initiatives:

Initiative One: The examination and computer searching, in state and national databases, of unidentified latent prints associated with 226 unsolved homicides from 1988 to the present. The grant provides overtime funding for Latent Print Examiners engaged in this work and equipment to enhance latent prints and speed their input into the computer systems.

Initiative Two: One-year of funding for salary and benefits of a Criminalist II position in the Forensic Biology/DNA Unit to address backlogged case requests for the examination and DNA typing of biological evidence.

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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 the funds awarded under the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

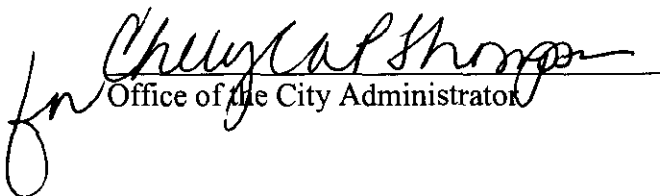
Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality

[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 NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$9,180) FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT ACT PROGRAM BEING CONDUCTED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, grant funds totaling nine thousand one hundred and eighty dollars (\$9,180) 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 ongoing training geared toward improving forensic laboratory services; and

WHEREAS, the grant term for the NFSIA Program is March 1, 2004 through February 28, 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 \$9,180 from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the State of California Grant Fund: 2159, Org.: 102610, 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, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD

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

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