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CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Police Department
DATE: May 8, 2007

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 Twenty-One Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars (\$21,073) from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, for Continued Implementation of the 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 the amount of \$21,073 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (Coverdell) Grant Program. Coverdell funds are allocated to government operated crime laboratories throughout the State of California. The funds will be used for staff training in direct relationship to the improvement of forensic laboratory services. The proposed grant term is January 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Authorizing this resolution will allow the City to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$21,073 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the Police Department for the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act program. The proposed grant period is January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the State of California Grant Fund: 2999; Criminalistics Division Org.: 102610; Criminalistics Program: PS05, in a Project Account to be determined. There is no match requirement. The Manager of the Criminalistics Division will be responsible for ensuring the terms set forth in the grant agreement are met.

Expense allocations are as follows:

Description and Use of Funds Staff Training	Amount
Promega Human Identity Meeting (DNA Related Training)	\$5,922

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California Criminalistics Institute Basic Microscopy Course	\$2,145
California Association of Criminalists Semi-Annual Conferences	\$2,555
Association of Firearms and Toolmarks Examiners Conference	\$835
California Criminalistics Institute STR I and II Training	\$225
California Criminalistics Institute Crime Scene I Training	\$1,430
California Criminalistics Institute Crime Scene II Training	\$1,430
Fire Death Investigation, UC Davis	\$295
92 nd Annual International Association for Identification Conference	\$2,093
Beretta Firearms Factory Study Tour	\$1,360
California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors Spring Conference	\$772
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Annual Laboratory Development Conference	\$2,011
TOTAL:	\$21,073

BACKGROUND

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

- Provide continuing education and training of forensic scientists
- Maintain laboratory accreditation standards
- Improve turnaround time for casework in Latent Prints Comparison, DNA Analysis, Firearms Analysis and general criminalistics
- Restore services in Fire Debris Analysis
- Promote training in areas of laboratory quality assurance

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in collaboration with the California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, provides funds for qualifying forensic laboratories throughout California in order to maintain accreditation standards and provide cost-effective services. This year laboratories had options for how to apply the funds. Staff training and/or equipment to improve efficiency were allowable expenses. The Department's Criminalistics Division determined that the best use for the Coverdell funds is to provide education and training in technical and personal skills to technical staff in the crime laboratory. The Coverdell program anticipates that by increasing forensic staff training, each laboratory will become more effective and efficient in meeting the needs of the criminal justice system. These funds will provide training to seventeen staff in six functional 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. Laboratory Quality Assurance is also a functional area covered by this training.

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

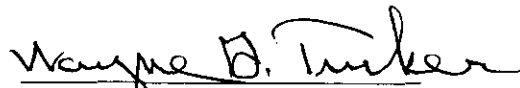
There are no disability or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

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RECOMMENDATION

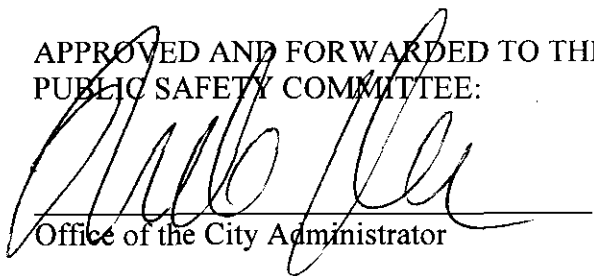
The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in the amount of \$21,073 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Service, Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Grant Program and appropriate said funds to the Police Department Criminalistics Division.

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne G. Tucker
Chief of Police

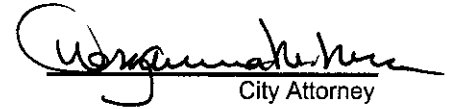
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


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 TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$21,073) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Police Department's Criminalistics Division has been awarded twenty-one thousand seventy-three dollars (\$21,073) in grant funds from the State of California, 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 City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 79501 C.M.S., dated October 4, 2005, and Resolution No. 79765 C.M.S., dated March 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the grant term for the NFSIA Program is January 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007; 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 \$21,073 from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the State of California Grant Fund: 2999, 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