



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 2

Agenda Date: June 10, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Briefing and action of FY 2022 DNA Testing Grant Program

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on the submission and acceptance, if awarded, of grant funds not to exceed \$208,000.00, from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the TK-DNA Test Kit Fund, FY 2022 DNA Testing Grant Program for reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the SAPD during the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Staff seeks approval from the Public Safety Committee to move forward this grant application to the full City Council for consideration..

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the program is to assist law enforcement agencies with the costs associated with the forensic analysis of physical evidence in relation to sexual assault or other sex offenses. These funds will be for the reimbursement of costs associated with DNA kits collected from sexual assault/sexual offence victims and offenders.

The funds will reimburse the Department for the processing of any evidence in an active sex offense investigation which would include: Victims of Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) kits, suspect SANE kits, suspect DNA swabs, as well as processing evidence such as bedding, clothing, and any other

materials taken into evidence in a sex offense investigation.

In prior years funds were provided through a Request for Reimbursement (RFR) directly to the OOG/CJD. Due to changes in the administration of the funds and under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 102.056(e), the OOG/CJD is now requiring that agencies apply for the funds as a grant. This is the second year the SAPD has applied for the reimbursement funds as a grant. The application submission was authorized by the executed Grant Application Approval form.

ISSUE:

This item provides a briefing to the Public Safety Committee on the submission and acceptance, if awarded, of grant funds not to exceed \$208,000.00, from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the TK-DNA Test Kit Fund, FY 2022 DNA Testing Grant Program for reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the SAPD during FY 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item provides a briefing on a grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant provides funding in an amount up to \$208,000.00 for reimbursement of expenditures in the examination of Sexual Assault Kits. This grant does not require a match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Public Safety Committee forward this item to the full City Council to accept funds for reimbursement of DNA kits collected from sexual assault/sexual offense victims and offenders.