



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 14

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William McManus, Chief of Police

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division TK DNA-FY21 DNA Testing Grant Program

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of \$200,000.00 from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the for the TK21-FY21 DNA Testing Grant Program for reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the SAPD during the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The purpose of the DNA Testing 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.

The San Antonio Police Department has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. These funds will be for the reimbursement of costs associated with DNA kits collected from sexual assault/sexual offense victims and

offenders and submitted to the Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory for further analysis testing.

The application was submitted on August 24, 2021, and the award notification was received on October 18, 2021. Authorization for applying was through a Grant Application Approval Form dated July 22, 2021.

This grant will provide up to \$200,000.00 for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the SAPD in submitting kits for testing during the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The Public Safety Committee was briefed on this grant on November 16, 2021.

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking and accepting financial assistance for improving the collection of crime data to provide specific, detailed information regarding crime, arrests, and identify crime trends.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no other grants that provide reimbursement of expenditures associated with DNA kits collected from sexual assault/sexual offense victims and offenders.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant provides reimbursement of up to \$200,000. For expenditures associated with DNA kits collected from sexual assault/sexual offense victims and offenders.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approves the acceptance of funds for reimbursement of DNA evidence collected from sexual assault/sexual offense victims and offenders and submitted to the Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory.