



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

TK-DNA Test Kit Fund/FY22 DNA Testing Grant Program

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds for \$208,000.00 from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the TK22-FY22 DNA Testing Grant Program for reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the SAPD during the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

The grant amount is for \$208,000.00 with a no cash or in-kind cash match for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

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 offense 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.

The grant was presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 10, 2022 and the Committee approved it to move forward to full City Council for consideration.

ISSUE:

This ordinance accepts 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.

The grant was presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 10, 2022 and the Committee approved it to move forward to full City Council for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to accept the funds from the grant. This action would result in funding the examination of Sexual Assault Kits entirely from the City's General Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds for \$208,000.00 from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the TK22-FY22 DNA Testing Grant Program for reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the SAPD during the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. 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 approval of this ordinance.