



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1932, **Agenda Item #:** 46.

9/25/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of grant funding from, the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to continue the Austin Police Department's Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project. Funding: \$350,000 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Evidence Testing Grant Program. No City match is required.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$350,000 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Evidence Testing Grant Program for the project period of September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. No City match is required.

Prior Council Action:

September 26, 2024 - Council approved Resolution No. 20240926-057 accepting grant funding to implement the Austin Police Department Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Office of the City Manager reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution No. 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This is the seventh year of this project. This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$350,000 in grant funding. The project period is September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. A City match is not required.

Criminal Justice Division funding for the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project will allow the City to contract with outside laboratories to complete DNA testing of sexual assault kits, buccal swabs, and additional items to aid in casework investigations. During the project period, the City will seek to resolve investigative backlogs through the analysis of over 420 pieces of sexual assault evidence using newly and previously collected samples.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by the governing body that includes items 1-4 below:

1. Authorization by the governing body for the submission of the application to the Office of the Governor that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, the applicant must update the

- resolution should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to the Office of the Governor.
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