



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2015

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$433,800 FROM THE NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT BACKLOG ELIMINATION PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$433,800 from the New York County District Attorney's Office for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$433,800 from the New York County District Attorney's Office;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$433,800 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department for the New York County District Attorney's Office grant; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents.

BACKGROUND:

On May 19, 2015, the City Council approved the request from the Riverside Police Department (RPD) to submit a proposal to the New York County District Attorney's Office (DANY) for testing backlogged sexual assault kits. As a result of that submittal, DANY grant funds in the amount of \$433,800 have been made available for a two-year period, from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2017.

The Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Elimination Program provides funds to promote strategies to eliminate the national sexual assault kit (SAK) backlog. Funding through this program may be used to pay for the cost of testing untested or backlogged rape kits.

Funding will be used to reimburse RPD for use of a private, fee-for-service, accredited DNA testing laboratory to perform DNA analyses to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits used to collect sexual forensic evidence. Currently, the department routinely requests DNA analyses from the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services Laboratory; however, there is a significant backlog of cases that this grant opportunity would help to address.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total grant award is \$433,800. No matching funds are required.

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