



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#21-0215**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 2, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Increase in Funds for Sexual Assault Response Team Kit  
Testing – Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. - \$16,950 - **(Commission  
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an increase in funds for the purchase of sexual assault response team (SART) kit testing services from Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. (Bode, Inc.) in the amount of \$16,950.

**Background**

On November 6, 2018, the City accepted an award from the Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Competitive Grant program (CAM 18-1082). The purpose of the mentioned program is to examine issues related to the handling of SART kits, develop and implement methodology to improve the processing and preservation of quality DNA evidence, and the provision of trauma-informed victim services.

On August 31, 2019, an agreement was administratively approved for SART kit testing services with Bode, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$99,999, via County of Santa Clara Contract 5500002978. The agreement is valid thru May 31, 2021. Expenditures to date are \$98,550. Any further expenditures exceeding \$99,999 will require Commission's approval.

The Police Department requires described services to test the SART kits as the city does not have its own laboratory to facilitate this type of procedure. Bode, Inc. was selected based on best practices and specific criteria recommended by DOJ. Staff recommends approval of increase of funds in the amount of \$16,950.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for this purchase in the amount of \$16,950 are available in the FY 2021 Budget in the account listed below:

<b><i>Funds available as of February 18, 2021</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129-GNSAK/18-3199	FY2018 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative	Other Professional Services	\$115,500	\$16,950	\$16,950
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$16,950</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – Santa Clara County Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – Executed Agreement

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