



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 3, 2015

TITLE: Motion Accepting FY2015 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant – \$53,435

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and to execute any documents required to accept the grant funds.

Background

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. In April 2015, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department submitted an application for grant funds, which sought to address the backlog of forensic evidence awaiting processing. The grant award will allow the agency to address the backlog by acquiring equipment which will permit the more efficient processing of evidence. This equipment will reduce the time and effort involved in the processing of evidence. The grant will also be utilized for enhanced training of staff and subsidize overtime so that more hours can be dedicated to processing the backlog. The period of performance is October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$53,435. The grant does not require matching funds. Funding is contingent upon the approval of consolidated budget CAM 15-1312 at the November 3, 2015 regular agenda meeting.

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

Related CAM

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Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Grant Award Letter and Agreement

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