



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0215

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)**

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:

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

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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