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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant Award Acceptance

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICTS: D-ALL

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to authorize the City Manager to accept \$532,832 in funding from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice for the Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant award.
- Increase the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue Budgets in the amount of \$532,832.

CONTACT PERSONS: John Parker, Captain, Office of Investigations, 808-0551
Mike Bray, Lieutenant, Office of Investigations, 808-0652

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 21, 2005

SUMMARY:

The Sacramento Police Department ("SPD") is requesting authorization to accept a grant award of \$532,832 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice for solving cold cases with DNA and reducing the backlog of unsolved homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes. The grant is part of the President's DNA initiative, Advancing Justice through DNA Technology. The grant will fund the Sacramento Cold Case Crimes Initiative Program and will partner the SPD with the

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

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Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant
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Sacramento District Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Laboratory of Forensic Sciences. The SPD and District Attorney will work together as a consortium to solve cold cases by maximizing the use of DNA evidence.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS: None

BACKGROUND:

Nearly 200 unsolved cases dating back to 1970 are awaiting forensic analysis and investigation. Additional DNA samples need to be collected from possible suspects and compared to the evidence. The SPD and the Sacramento District Attorney's Office have a long-standing relationship and have partnered in the past on numerous efforts to solve serial violent crimes.

Grant funding for the SPD's Cold Case Crimes Initiative will help revitalize investigation of violent serial crimes that have gone unsolved for years. The goal is to identify and prosecute the persons responsible for such crimes, prevent additional crimes from occurring, and bring closure to the families of the victims.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total grant award is \$532,832 over a three-year period (FY06-FY08) and includes contract/consultants, equipment, supplies, travel, and miscellaneous items and services. Consultants will be part-time, and no additional FTE will be added to the budget. The supply costs (\$99,936) include DNA sample testing kits and operational laboratory supplies. The miscellaneous expenses (\$30,065) include telephone related-costs, an investigative database, and exhumation fees.

These funds are allocated from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice. Matching funds are not required for this grant.

The following table is a breakdown of how the Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant funds will be allocated:

Solving Cold Cases with DNA	
Expenditure	Total
1 Part-time Police Investigator	162,657
1 Part-time DA Criminalist	89,266
1 Part-time DA Criminal Investigator	120,413
Travel	23,445
Equipment	7,050
Supplies	99,936
Miscellaneous	30,065
Total Grant Award	532,832

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This proposal does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(1) and 15387(b)(3).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Execution of this agreement is consistent with the City's mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. It is also consistent with past practices of using grant funding to improve law enforcement and community relationships.

ESBD/SBE CONSIDERATIONS:

Purchase of supplies and equipment under this grant will be made in accordance with the City's ESBD/SBE program requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,



Albert Nájera
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE SOLVING OF COLD CASES WITH DNA

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has received a \$532,832 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY06-FY08 Sacramento Police Department's Cold Case Crime Initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

The City Manager, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice which totals \$532,832, including any future extensions, agreements, modifications or attachments thereof.

The Grant Revenue Budget will be increased by:

255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Federal grant revenue	\$532,832
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The Grant Operating Budget will be increased by:

255-ORG-GXXX-42XX	(Consultants)	\$372,336
255-OGR-GXXX-42XX	(Travel)	23,445
255-ORG-GXXX-42XX	(Misc. Telephone Costs)	30,065
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	(Equipment)	7,050
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	(Supplies)	<u>99,936</u>

Total grant expenditures	\$532,832
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____