



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
October 5, 2010

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title:** Grant: FY10 Cold Case Justice Project Grant Award Acceptance

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or designee to:  
1) accept, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, \$100,000 in grant funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Cold Case Justice Project; 2) establish a grant project for the Cold Case Justice Project (#G11008200); and 3) increase the Police Department's grant expense and revenue budgets by \$100,000 to implement the Cold Case Justice Project Grant.

**Contact:** Scott LaCosse, Captain, (916) 808-0551 or Dave Johnson, Lieutenant, (916) 808-0652

**Presenters:** Not applicable.

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Major Crimes

**Organization No:** 11001221

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Staff respectfully recommends the adoption of a resolution to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to the City of Sacramento Police Department (SPD) in the amount of \$100,000 to support the Cold Case Justice Project that expedites the resolution of cold criminal investigations through DNA evidence.

**Policy Considerations:** Accepting this funding is consistent with past practices of utilizing grant funding to increase public safety. In addition, City Council Resolution #2010-388 requires City Council approval to accept grant funding, establish a grant project, and appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** This proposal does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 (a).

**Sustainability Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable.

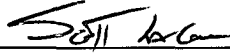
**Rationale for Recommendation:** It is in the best interest of the City of Sacramento to accept grant funding from United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Sacramento Police Department's Cold Case Justice Project. This grant funding will aid in the revitalization of multiple unsolved violent criminal investigations.


**Financial Considerations:** Grant funding for the Cold Case Project in the amount of \$100,000 will be awarded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This funding is to be awarded over a one year period of time. The grant funding includes funding for a part-time position and travel costs associated with cold case investigations. Since the position is part-time, no additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions will be added to the Police Department. Matching funds are not required for this grant. As a result, there will be no impact on the General Fund.

The following table is a breakdown of how the Cold Case Justice Project grant funds will be allocated:

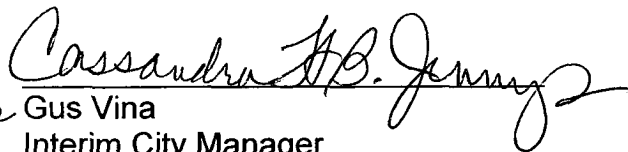
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Total</b>
Part-Time Position - Investigator	\$90,000
Travel Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Grant Award</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Scott LaCrosse, Captain

Approved by:   
Sam Somers, Acting Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

  
for Gus Vina  
Interim City Manager

COP Ref. #9-15

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**Background**

Nearly 200 unsolved criminal cases are currently awaiting forensic analysis and investigation. Additional DNA samples must be collected from possible suspects and compared to physical evidence in these unsolved criminal cases. The Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office have a long-standing relationship and have worked in cooperation to solve violent crimes.

Grant funding for the Sacramento Police Department's Cold Case Justice Project will help revitalize the investigations of violent crimes that remain unsolved. The goal of the Cold Case Project is to identify and prosecute the suspects responsible for these violent crimes which may prevent the commission of future violent crimes.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 5, 2010

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE COLD CASE JUSTICE PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City of Sacramento has been awarded a \$100,000 in congressionally selected grant funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY10 Cold Case Justice Project.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, \$100,000 in grant funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Cold Case Justice Project.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish a grant project for the FY10 Cold Case Justice Project Grant (#G11008200).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to increase the Police Department's grant expense and revenue budgets by \$100,000 to implement the Cold Case Justice Project Grant.