



STAFF REPORT

August 17, 2022
File Number 0480-70

SUBJECT

FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

DEPARTMENT

Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 2022-118 authorizing the Interim Chief of Police to accept a FY 2021-22 California Office of Emergency Services ("CalOES") Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$52,033; execute all documents necessary for the management and completion of the grant scope; and authorize the necessary budget adjustment needed to spend grant funds.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Department Name: David Cramer, Interim Chief of Police)

Presenter: David Cramer, Interim Chief of Police

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Grant funds will be used to purchase forensic equipment, computer supplies, and accreditation fees for the forensic unit for crime scene investigation. This will have no impact on the General Fund Budget.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 12, 2021, City Council adopted resolution No. 2021-66 approving a Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$51,682.

BACKGROUND

The Escondido Police Department has received a FY 2021-22 CalOES Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program Grant in the amount of \$52,033, funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Grant funding must be used to cover costs associated with acquiring and maintaining accreditation for crime labs, reducing backlogs, and improving the quality and timeliness of forensic science services.

The Escondido Police Department proposes to utilize grant funds to purchase the following items:

- Forensic equipment – Crime-Lite Auto & Accessories that will allow the Forensic Services Unit members to discover evidence in a crime scene and fingerprints (\$40,236)



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- Computer monitors and operating supplies (\$6,037)
- Costs associated with annual fees required to maintain Crime Lab accreditation (\$5,760)

Grant funds will improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services within the City of Escondido.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-118

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment "1" Budget Adjustment