

Upcoming
City Council Agenda Items

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: October 25, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Forensic Analysis of Criminal Evidence - Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas Interlocal Agreement

In 1969, the City withdrew from a joint Criminal Investigations Laboratory operation with Dallas County. Thereafter, laboratory services were a function of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and the laboratory became known as the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas (SWIFS). SWIFS continues to provide a broad range of evidence analysis for both the Police and Fire Departments. In 1999, the first annual interlocal agreement for these services was approved.

SWIFS' services include analysis of drug evidence, DNA analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analysis, examination of firearms and tool marks (matching bullets to weapons that fired them), and identification of fire accelerants. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed interlocal agreement will provide services from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The cost is estimated at \$3,800,000 and is the same as the previous year.

The City is seeking recommendation from the public safety committee to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences for forensic analysis of criminal evidence. The item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for November 12, 2013.

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Ryan S. Evans
Interim First Assistant City Manager

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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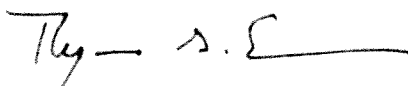
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Dallas Police Victim Services Grant from the Criminal Justice Division

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division has awarded \$48,072 for the Dallas Police Department Victim Services Grant Number 1578113 for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The grant requires the City of Dallas to provide a cash match of \$16,024. The total grant awarded to City of Dallas \$64,096.

This grant will provide funding for the thirteenth year for the salaries, benefits, and training for one full-time victim advocate and one part-time victim advocate to provide crime victim compensation application assistance, follow-up, information and referral, crisis counseling, personal advocacy and court advocacy for victims/family survivors of homicides, sexual assaults, robbery, aggravated assaults, traffic fatalities or injuries due to failure to stop and render aid and driving while intoxicated. The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division specifically requires governing body approval for acceptance of this grant.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the Victim Service Grant for Criminal Justice. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda November 12, 2013.


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SUBJECT Acceptance of a Donation from Safer Dallas Better Dallas and TXU Energy

The City of Dallas is seeking acceptance of a \$350,000 donation from Safer Dallas Better Dallas and \$25,000 donation from TXU Energy for technology enhancements.

On April 4, 2012, City Council was briefed on the components of Community Policing 2.0 to show the Department's ongoing efforts to make Dallas the safest large city in the country. In April 2013, Safer Dallas Better Dallas partnered with the City to donate \$300,000 to the City from private entities for technology enhancements in high crime areas. In continuation of their support, Safer Dallas Better Dallas has contributed another \$350,000, in conjunction with \$25,000 from TXU Energy. Safer Dallas Better Dallas is continuing to seek out additional funding to give to the City for this effort.

This funding will assist in expanding crime fighting efforts and improve public safety capabilities beyond what is attainable by human ability. Initial donated funds will focus on the top priority target action area grid (TAAG) locations. The technology enhancement equipment that will be purchased includes surveillance camera, license plate readers, and tracking systems.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept a donation from Safer Dallas Better Dallas and TXU Energy for the purpose of technology enhancements. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on November 12, 2013.

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