

**Upcoming
Council Agenda Items**

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: October 24, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine R. Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Award Acceptance and Allocation**

The City of Dallas has been awarded continuation funding in the amount of \$480,233 for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Grant award 2013-MC-FX-K036, an increase in appropriations from \$477,337 to \$957,570. In this supplemental Grant, \$166,028 is also awarded for cooperative working agreements, increasing the amount awarded to cooperative agreements from \$156,151 to \$322,179. This grant does not require a match from the City of Dallas.

This funding will pay for cooperative working agreements with the District Attorney's Offices in Dallas, Tarrant, and Potter Counties, the Sheriff's offices in Collin, Taylor, and Wichita Counties, the police departments in Arlington, Garland, Longview and Lubbock, and the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. Financial support from this on-going Grant program has allowed the satellite agencies to purchase equipment, send officers to advanced training classes and pay for undercover operations in their respective jurisdictions across north Texas to address the growing problem of web-based exploitation of children. The Grant also pays for full salary and benefits for two Dallas Police detectives/officers, equipment, travel and training and undercover expenses for the Police Department's ICAC Squad.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the FY2014-15 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Award and allocate a portion of this award to our sub-grantees from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.

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SUBJECT: **Authorize Payments for parking fees at Frank Crowley Court Building**

This agenda item will provide for payment of parking fees incurred by Dallas Police personnel who appear for court at the Dallas County Frank Crowley Court House.

The Dallas County owned parking lots located at the Frank Crowley Courts Building are currently managed by ACE Parking Management Inc. Dallas County selected ACE Parking through a formal procurement process for the contract which is effective until August 31, 2016 with two one-year extensions ending on August 31, 2018.

The current fee structure for Frank Crowley parking garages is \$3.00 for 0-30 min; \$4.00 for 31-60min; \$5.00 for 61-90min; and \$6.00 for 91min or over. An average of 1,200 Police personnel report for court during any given month.

This Council Action would eliminate thousands of Dallas Police employee parking reimbursement requests and reduce the amount of staff time required to reimburse officers for out of pocket expenses for court appearances.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to authorize the payments for services. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.

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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 \$47,040 for the Dallas Police Department Victim Services for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 (Grant Number 1578114). The grant requires the City of Dallas to provide a cash match of \$15,680. The total grant awarded to City of Dallas \$62,720.

This grant will provide fourteenth-year funding for the salaries, benefits, and training for one full-time victim advocate and one part-time victim advocate. These advocates 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 Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Victim Services Grant for Criminal Justice. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Acceptance of the City of Dallas Digital Evidence Asset Management Grant**

The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor has awarded \$76,769 for the Digital Evidence Management System to the Dallas Police Department for the period of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. The grant provides for video management hardware, software and training. There is no Cash Match required of this grant.

Police departments are increasingly relying on digital evidence to prevent, enforce, apprehend, investigate, and prosecute crimes. Video recordings have an ever-increasing value of providing great insight during investigations. The Dallas Police Department (DPD) is unable to effectively process the large volume of seized and/or captured video in a timely manner and provide adequate reporting in order to solve crimes and provide assistance during trials. The DPD has a pivotal need for equipment that can store and duplicate video from a myriad of formats; while maintaining proprietary protocol. In order to continue DPD's success in combatting crime and ensure adequate resources are available to investigate all crimes properly, it is critical that the DPD update their digital evidence management system.

The DPD proposes the acquisition of software for at least eight workstations and at least one storage upgrade to begin the technological enhancement. The overall project goal is to enhance the capability of the DPD and advance digital evidence management system. The focus will integrate video and audio captures in order for the DPD to secure evidence storage, search, and digital transfer capabilities. This digital evidence management project will enhance the DPD's digital video capabilities to provide more effective analysis and improve preventive and apprehension efforts. The DPD does not currently have an analysis tool with the capability to store and retrieve digital evidence in an easily usable format. The purchase of this equipment will improve DPD's technology used during investigations and prosecutorial cases and thereby impacting crime rates.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the City of Dallas Digital Evidence Asset Management Grant. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.

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SUBJECT: **Acceptance of the City of Dallas NIBIN Program Grant**

The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor has awarded \$80,000 for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program to the Dallas Police Department for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 to partially fund one sworn officer for the performance of NIBIN duties. The City will contribute an in-kind donation of the officer's remaining salary, pension, FICA, and benefits of \$51,230.

The NIBIN program is administrated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for federal, state and local law enforcement agency partners. Forensically trained personnel enter digital images of the markings made on recovered spent cartridge casings from fired weapons, providing a link to criminal offenses. The images are correlated and searched in local, regional and national databases; potential matches are confirmed by a forensic specialist and the intelligence is provided to detectives in a timely manner. To date, the Dallas Police Department's NIBIN Team has acquisitioned about 25,746 casing images and made 758 case identifications.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the FY 2014-2015 NIBIN Program grant from the Office of the Governor. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.



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

The City has utilized the services of Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences (SWIFS) at Dallas by mutual agreement since the inception of the Institute in 1969 and paid for the service by direct payment. The first interlocal agreement was entered and effective January 2000. The agreement provides for annual renewal by the City.

SWIFS' services include analyses of drug evidence, DNA analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analyses, 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, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The cost is estimated to be the same as the previous year at \$3,800,000. Fire shares \$5,000 in the total cost.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of the Forensic Analysis of Criminal Evidence - Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas Interlocal Agreement. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **Authorize Acceptance of the Intellectual Property Taskforce Grant and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other agencies (MOU)**

The Dallas Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$400,000 by the U. S. Department of Justice from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and seeks the authorization to accept these grant funds. In addition, the City is seeking approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Grand Prairie, Department of Homeland Security's Immigrations and Customs (ICE), and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. This MOU will assist in uniting our forces and resources to combat and alleviate some of the inter-jurisdictional problems in enforcing intellectual property theft. The grant period will be from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016.

Once accepted, these monies will provide funding to the intellectual property task force to curb the illegal sale of piracy and counterfeit items in the City of Dallas and the county. The grant will enhance information sharing with other local and federal agencies along with the private sector. The grant also intends to increase public awareness and education. The number of personnel fully funded by the grant is one for a two-year period. The department will commit two detectives to the task force. The Major Crimes Unit will provide undercover operations to pinpoint and identify the offenders related to these crimes.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of this grant and start this proactive approach to combat the Intellectual Property Crimes in the City of Dallas. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.

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