

Legislation Text

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U.S. Department of Justice DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant

Action:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a two-year, DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction grant in the amount of \$372,989 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) often applies for grants to fund work beyond what is programmed in the operating budget.
- Since 2006, CMPD has received an annual grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice for DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program. CMPD has been awarded another year of grant funding for Fiscal Year 2018.
- The grant will fund ongoing work to process DNA samples associated with crimes such as homicides, rapes, and robberies. The funded work also includes a quality assurance audit.
- The grant will continue to fund four existing positions.
- This ongoing grant funding has helped to increase CMPD's capacity to process more DNA samples awaiting analysis.
- The grant is for a two-year term from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020.
- According to grant parameters, the City must accept the grant award by October 20, 2018, in order to receive funding.
- The grant totals \$372,989, and does not require the City to provide any matching funds.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Public Safety Grant Fund