

Legislation Text

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U.S. Department of Justice Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant

Action:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a three-year, Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant in the amount of \$452,637 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Staff Resource(s):

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Chris Dozier, Police
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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.
- CMPD has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2018 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.
- The grant will fund a partnership with UNC Charlotte to conduct a census to identify convicted sexual assault offenders who have not previously provided DNA samples. Using the census data, DNA samples will be obtained in instances where none were previously collected. The new samples will be maintained in the national Combined DNA Index System.
- The grant will also fund two staff to complete the programmed work.
- The grant is for a three-year term from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021.
- According to the grant parameters, the City must accept the grant award by November 9, 2018, in order to receive funding.
- The grant totals \$452,637, and does not require the City to provide any matching funds.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Public Safety Grant Fund