

## Legislation Text

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### **National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Program**

**Action:**

**Authorize the City Manager to accept funding through the Fiscal Year 2022 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant Program in the amount of \$2,500,000 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 programs and expenses that support the approved operating budget.
- CMPD has received the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) grant from the U.S Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance since Fiscal Year 2016.
- The goal of the grant program is to address the number of unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits in law enforcement custody and to help provide resolution for victims when possible.
- The FY 2022 SAKI grant funds will be used to:
  - retain three full time positions: a Site Coordinator, a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, and one DNA Criminalist Analyst;
  - support two part-time detective positions to review and investigate sexual assault cold cases;
  - outsource secondary evidence tied to sexual assault kits as needed; and
  - fund detective overtime expenses in case research and investigation.
- The grant is for a three-year term from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2025.
- No matching contribution from the city is required.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Grants Fund