

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.34  
(ID # 23149)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Acceptance of Congressionally Directed Spending from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), to Purchase Forensic Rapid DNA Technology for the Sheriff's Forensics Team for the Grant Performance Period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; All Districts. [\$515,000 – 100% Federal Funds]; [4/5th Vote Required]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the FY 2023 Byrne Discretionary Community Funding Grant in the amount of \$515,000 funded through Congressionally Directed Spending from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), administered by the US Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for the grant performance period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

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**ACTION:4/5 Vote Required**

  
Donald Sharp, Undersheriff 10/3/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 17, 2023  
xc: Sheriff

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

2. Authorize the Sheriff, Undersheriff, or Assistant Sheriff to sign the Byrne Discretionary Community Project/Byrne Discretionary Grants Certification as to Rapid DNA Testing for Non-CODIS Uses, as approved to form by County Counsel, on behalf of the County;
3. Authorize the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Assistant Sheriff, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Deputy Director Sheriff's Administrative Services, or Administrative Services Manager to sign and execute any related grant documents, including modifications that do not increase the total award by more than 20%; extensions, certifications, assurances, progress reports, and reimbursement requests that may be necessary for the completion of the project, as approved to form by County Counsel, on behalf of the County; and
4. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 515,000	\$ 0	\$ 515,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Grant Revenue 100%</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	23/24

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BR: 24-034**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

**Congressionally Directed Spending**

In November 2021, the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs) program (also known as earmarks) was created by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which supports specific community projects as part of the annual appropriations process.

For every year of funding, the CPFCDs projects are solicited and selected by the members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate. Once selected, the individual scope and funding amount for each of the selected CPFCDs projects is then written into law via the Annual Appropriations bill. The process to receive CPFCDs funding is part of the annual federal appropriations process.

On April 10, 2022, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office submitted a community project funding request for the purchase of Forensic Rapid DNA Technology to U.S. Representative

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Ken Calvert via the Senate Appropriations Committee process. The Riverside County Sheriff's Office was awarded funding as part of the passage of the FY2023 Commerce, Justice, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which was signed into law on December 29, 2022.

On August 10, 2023, the Riverside Sheriff's Office was granted funding as part of the final FY 2023 federal spending bill, as appropriated under the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The OJP will be responsible for administering this funding and will work with the Riverside Sheriff's Office to administer this grant.

**Project Description**

Funding will be used to purchase Forensic Rapid DNA technology that will expedite forensic processes in the County, including homicide, murder, and property crimes. Forensic Rapid DNA Technology will enable Sheriff's Deputies in the field to analyze samples in under 90 minutes, providing the necessary forensic analysis support to solve crimes quickly.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This grant award will not have any adverse impact. Forensic Rapid DNA Technology will enhance the investigative process by resolving more cases, improving relationships with local communities, and reducing overall crime within Riverside County.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

No local cash match is required. The Sheriff's Office will expend the entire \$515,000 allocation in FY23/24 for the purchase of the Rapid DNA Technology machine and training for the forensics team.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Grant Award Rapid DNA Testing Certification  
Schedule A – Budget Adjustment

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –  
SCHEDULE A  
FY 23-24**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10000-2501000000-546160	Equipment-Other	\$ 400,000
10000-2501000000-527880	Training-Other	<u>\$ 115,000</u>
<b>Total Increase in Estimated Appropriations</b>		<b>\$ 515,000</b>

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Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-2501000000-767220	Fed-Other Operating Grants	\$ 515,000
	<b>Total Increase in Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 515,000</b>

*Heydee Koury*  
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Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 9/28/2023

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
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Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 10/5/2023

*Aaron Gettis*  
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Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 9/28/2023

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS  
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

**Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants / Byrne Discretionary Grants Certification as to Rapid DNA Testing for Non-CODIS Uses**

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

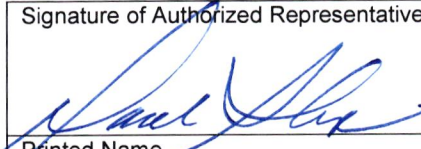
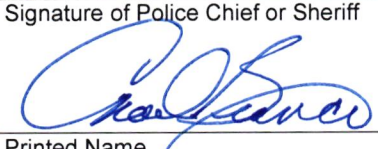
The law enforcement agency who will operate the rapid DNA equipment has established policies and procedures that adhere to all practices outlined in both the FBI's "[Non-CODIS Rapid DNA Considerations and Best Practices for Law Enforcement Use](#)" document and the "[Rapid DNA Testing for Non-CODIS Uses: Considerations for Court](#)" document to include having consulted with the chief local prosecutor and employing an "A-swab/B-swab" strategy when collecting all crime scene DNA samples intended for use on a rapid DNA instrument.


I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant agency (that is, the agency applying directly to the Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Name of Applicant Agency (Including Name of State) Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner County of Riverside, California	Just Grants Award Number 15PBJA-23-GG-00074-BRND
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**Both signatures (below) must be present to properly execute the certification.**

Signature of Authorized Representative on the Award 	Signature of Police Chief or Sheriff 
Printed Name Donald Sharp	Printed Name Chad Bianco
Title Undersheriff	Title Sheriff
Date 9/27/23	Date 9/27/23

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY  AMRIT P. DHILLON  
DATE 9/28/2023