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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: February 6, 2018

Subject: FY 2017 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution 2018/34 authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to apply for and accept the 2017 Paul Coverdell Forensic Services Improvement Grant, with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as fiscal agent, in an initial amount of \$26,211 for support of forensic training for the period beginning January 1, 2018 through the end of the grant period.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$26,211, 100% Federal; No County match required (CFDA #16.742)

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Paul Coverdell Forensic Services Improvement Grant Program is to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services over current operations. The non-competitive funds are available for distribution during the period beginning January 1, 2018, through the end of the grant period. The Office of the Sheriff's Forensic Services Division is an American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB) accredited laboratory that has on-going training requirements to fulfill the accreditation criteria. Training also increases staff's ability to produce casework

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/06/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 6, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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and add new technology geared towards improving efficiency of examination and analysis. This grant proves funding for the forensic staff to attend a variety of work-related training courses throughout the year.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not receive grant funding for training necessary to retain ASCLD accreditation.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2018/34