Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner

Date: April 9, 2019

Subject: 2019 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2019/110 authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, DNA Program Backlog Reduction Grant in an initial amount of \$250,000 to reduce the number of backlogged DNA tests in the Sheriff's Criminalistics Laboratory for the period January 1, 2020 through the end of the grant period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

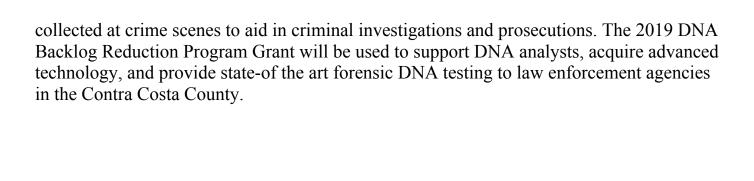
No County costs. Initial revenue: \$250,000, 100% Federal revenue, no County match required.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County, Office of the Sheriff, Forensic Services Division operates an ISO 17025 Accredited Crime Laboratory able to provide County-wide Forensic DNA testing services. The DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant funds are needed to ensure the efficient processing of DNA evidence. Grant funds have been used in the past to purchase scientific equipment allowing for high throughput DNA extraction, quantification and detection. In addition, funding supported DNA analysts who process DNA samples

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▼ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR		
Action of Board On: 04/09/2019 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: April 9, 2019 David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: Laura Cassell, Deputy
		by. Laura Casson, Deputy

Contact: Sandra Brown 925-335-1553



CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A decision not to pursue grant funding will increase the DNA case backlog, increase the turnaround time for DNA sample processing, and contribute to delays in criminal prosecutions.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/110