



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: 2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/192 authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner, Undersheriff, or Commander Management Services, to apply for and accept the U.S. Department 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 of January 1, 2022, 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 ANAB Accredited Crime Laboratory able to provide County-wide Forensic DNA testing services. The DNA backlog reduction 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 collected at crime

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☐ OTHER

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☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ 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: June 22, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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scenes to aid in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The 2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program Grant will be used to support DNA analysts, acquire advanced technology, and provide state-of the art forensic DNA testing to law enforcement agencies in the Contra Costa County.

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 2021/192