

# Staff Report



<b>Edward Byrne Competitive Grant (Crime Scene)</b>	
City Council Meeting Date: 5-19-09	Document Being Considered: Resolution

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funds through United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance. Funding will be used to create five Crime Scene Unit positions through the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program.

## **PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION**

None.

## **ANALYSIS**

The purpose of this grant is to provide much needed support to the Police Department's Crime Scene Unit. The primary affects of adding these positions will be increased capacity to manage multiple crime scenes simultaneously and alleviation of backlogs in processing evidence and entering fingerprints, resulting in more timely resolution of criminal cases. In 2007, a total of 311 cases were backlogged. In 2008, the number of backlogged cases grew to 670. If awarded, the grant will support additional personnel for field operations and create a dedicated lab unit to analyze drugs and fingerprints.

This grant will fund five new positions, including: one Crime Lab Evidence Coordinator, three Crime Scene Investigators and one Fingerprint Technician. The grant will also fund related training, equipment and supplies necessary to support these positions.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

If awarded, this grant will provide \$717,138 over two years to cover salary and benefits for a total of five positions. No cash match by the City is required. Retaining the positions after the conclusion of grant funding will cost approximately \$320,000 annually.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Attached:	Resolution
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the City Secretary's office:	None

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