

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Approves an ordinance to accept the FY2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA in the amount of \$596,273 awarded to the Denver Police Department. Grant Award # 2010-DN-BX-K004.

- 2. Requesting Agency:** Public Safety

- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
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- 4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***
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- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
 - a. Scope of Work**
 - Grant will provide funding to retain two (2) forensic scientists that will continue to conduct DNA testing related to cold cases.
 - Funds will also pay for overtime wages that will enable detectives from DPD's Cold Case Unit and Homicide Unit to identify, review and prioritize cold cases homicides from before 1985 that have the potential of being solved using DNA; prioritize pending lab requests on cold case homicides from 1986-2006 by meeting with forensic scientists to identify the most probative evidence; identify, retrieve and evaluate biological evidence from such cases, including re-packaging evidence to properly store and preserve it; post-hit investigation necessary for collection of cold hit confirmatory samples and elimination samples.
 - Purchase applicable supplies to support the funded initiatives.

 - b. Duration**

Term of the grant is 11/01/2010 – 04/30/2012

 - c. Location**

 - d. Affected Council District**

 - e. Benefits**

1. Grant continues positions in the Denver Police Department Crime Laboratory that would otherwise be cut due to lack of funding
2. Grant provides funding for law enforcement initiatives targeted at increasing public safety, enhancing investigations to solve more crime and remove violent offenders from the community.

f. Costs

Standard grant administration (indirect costs) apply

- 6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.**

No.

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Date: 10/8/2010