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Director of Emergency Services
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AGENDA ITEM _____ December 2, 2014

November 17, 2014

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE 2014 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA GRANT PROGRAM

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

Designate and authorize the Sheriff, by title, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$267,952 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to improve law enforcement investigations regarding unsolved violent crime "cold cases" that have the potential to be solved due to markedly improved DNA forensics for the period of 10/1/14 - 9/30/16.

DISCUSSION/ SUMMARY:

The National Institute of Justice, a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, supports funding for using DNA analysis to solve "cold cases" which are crimes that have not yet been fully solved and are not the subject of a recent criminal investigation, but for which new information could emerge from new witness testimony, re-examined archives, retained material evidence, as well as fresh activities of the suspect. The "Solving Cold Cases with DNA", grant is a highly competitive national grant which is designed to strengthen the ability of local law enforcement and local crime laboratories to investigate "cold cases".

The intention of the "Solving Cold Cases with DNA" grant is to improve the capacity and infrastructure of local law enforcement investigations. The funding from this program will be used for salary and benefits of one Deputy Sheriff to conduct cold case investigations.

FINANCING:

No additional appropriation is requested. The costs associated with this program will be offset with funding from the 2014 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant program. This request will not impact the net County cost in FY 2014-2015 or in future years.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner