

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 20, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Tasha Logan-Ford, Assistant City Manager
Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police

Council Action Requested:

Consideration and approval of application submission for the 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: Reduce Crime and Fear of Crime
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) has the opportunity to apply for the 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, a federal grant from the National Institute of Justice. This competitive grant is awarded to states and units of local government to help improve forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services.

WSPD wishes to submit an application for this grant, requesting \$75,452 in grant funding for the following:

- **Upgraded Dataworks Plus Livescan (\$32,000)** Funding will be used to purchase a new Livescan system that will reach its “end of life” later this year. The Livescan system is used by WSPD Forensic Services Division personnel for all arrestee fingerprinting during processing at the Forsyth County Detention Center.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 5/20/19</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>

Remarks:

- **M-Vac System (\$43,452)** Funding will be used to purchase a sterile wet-vacuum system to collect DNA material off rough, porous surfaces that can then be submitted for forensic DNA testing.

There is no match for this grant. If awarded, the grant period is 12 months. Applications for this grant are due June 4, 2019.