

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** November 4, 2024

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

**From:** Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager  
William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA grant program.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** Improve Public Safety Quality

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The City of Winston-Salem has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to support the prosecution of violent cold case crimes where a suspect (known or unknown) has been identified through DNA evidence. Grant funding will be used for personnel overtime, enhanced DNA testing to enable genetic genealogical research, and supplies.

There is no required match for this grant. The grant award must be signed by the City Manager before funds are released and the grant project can begin.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>PS- 10/14/2024</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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**Remarks:**