

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$202,766 from the U.S. Department of Justice

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$202,766 from the FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant award provided by the U.S. Department of Justice for the Wake County Bureau of Forensic Services Crime-Lite Enhancement Project and authorize the County Manager to execute all necessary grant documents.

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

Background: The Bureau of Forensic Services applied to the FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and received an award to support the Crime-Lite Enhancement Project.

The proposed Crime-Lite Enhancement Project will replace aging alternate light source systems currently used for forensic evidence screening and examination. Existing equipment has exceeded its service life and no longer provides sufficient illumination intensity or wavelength coverage necessary for effective detection of biological and trace evidence.

Grant funds will be used for the purchase of Crime-lite Blue and Green systems, anti-glare goggles, battery systems, charging equipment, carrying cases, and associated accessories necessary for laboratory and field operations.

Strategic Plan: This action supports standard County operations and procedures.

Fiscal Impact: The total grant award is \$202,766 in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Justice FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program. No county matching funds are required.

Additional Information:

The Bureau of Forensic Services will administer the grant in accordance with federal grant requirements and Wake County procurement and financial policies. All purchase will be implemented within the Bureau's established quality management system.

Attachments:

1. Budget Memo – FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund