

**Item Title:** Accept and Appropriate \$237,279 of Coverdell Grant Funds for the Purchase of Seven State Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (SAFIS) by the Raleigh-Wake City/County Bureau of Identification (CCBI)

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$237,279 of 2020 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant funding into the CCBI budget of the Grants and Donations Fund for the purchase of seven State Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (SAFIS).**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners approves all grant revenue and expenditures.

**Background:** The Raleigh-Wake City/County Bureau of Identification (CCBI) has been awarded \$237,279 of 2020 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant funding administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the US Department of Justice (USDOJ). CCBI will use these funds to purchase seven State Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (SAFIS) units. These units give field staff the capability to search latent fingerprints collected from crime scenes against a database of fingerprint records collected from persons arrested in North Carolina.

**Board Goal:** This Board action supports routine County business.

**Fiscal Impact:** CCBI will receive \$237,279 in grant funding. There are no County matching funds required.

**Additional Information:**

CCBI has applied for and been awarded a 2020 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant that will be used to purchase seven (7) State Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (SAFIS). The grant funding will cover 100% of the cost of purchasing the SAFIS equipment with no County matching funds required.

SAFIS is a computerized Automated Fingerprint Identifications System maintained by the North Carolina Department of Justice / Department of Public Safety. SAFIS provides North Carolina city and county agencies the capability to search latent fingerprints collected from crime scenes against a database of fingerprint records collected from persons arrested in North Carolina. SAFIS is also the nexus for local agencies to access the federal arrestee fingerprint database maintained by the FBI.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Memo