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**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Police has been awarded a FY2016 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act grant of \$25,023.65. This is a federal grant program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. The Division of Police has been awarded a Forensic Science Improvement Act grant annually since 2003 to fund forensic lab personnel training, lab equipment purchases and overtime costs to process casework. The City must be a subgrantee to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to participate in this program according to the federal grant guidelines. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award to accept this grant on behalf of the City. The official City contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Crime Lab Manager, Jami St. Clair. The grant program provides funds to improve forensic crime lab activities. This FY2016 award will fund training and travel costs for forensic lab personnel to attend new and/or updated forensic training.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$25,023.65 from the Federal government for registration and training for the City's Crime Lab personnel. The City was awarded Forensic Science Improvement Act grant funds of \$45,628.07 in 2012, \$14,470.25 in 2013, \$21,713.39 in 2014 and \$23,453.70 in 2015. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY2016 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act via the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; to authorize Jami St. Clair, Crime Lab Manager, as the official city representative to act in connection with the subgrant; to authorize an appropriation of \$25,023.65 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs of the subgrant project. (\$25,023.65)

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Police was awarded funding through the FY2016 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the registration and training of forensic crime lab personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, advancing technology and new Crime Lab employees have created a need for up to date and additional forensic science training; and

**WHEREAS**, Crime Lab Manager Jami St. Clair has been identified as the official representative to act in connection with this FY2016 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Subgrant and to provide information as required; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety to authorize the Mayor to accept a subgrantee award, for the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY2016 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Subgrant for specialized training for the Columbus Police Crime Lab personnel.

**SECTION 2.** That Crime Lab Manager Jami St. Clair is designated as the official program contact and authorized to act in connection with the FY2016 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Grant Program, and to provide any

additional information required.

**SECTION 3.** That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the subgrant award period the sum of \$25,023.65 in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

The appropriation is effective upon receipt of a fully-executed agreement.

**SECTION 4.** Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 6.** That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

**SECTION 7.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.