



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Police Crime Lab has a need to contract with the Mansfield Crime Lab for DNA weapons case analysis. The authorization of Drug Seizure Funds will allow for the analysis of approximately 125 evidence samples or up to 62 cases. This contract will assist the Crime Lab with DNA weapons analysis until the implementation activities associated with the recently awarded DNA Backlog Reduction grant funds (ORD1454-2009) occur.

The analysis will be performed by the Mansfield Police Department Crime Laboratory. It is an accredited laboratory with the ability to upload DNA profiles into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), the core of the national DNA database established and funded by the FBI, and in accordance with the DNA quality assurance guidelines authorized by the Director of the FBI Laboratory.

This organization is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Contract Compliance No: 346001795, NPO

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is needed in order to process the casework at the earliest possible time.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes a contract with the Mansfield (OH) Crime Lab in the amount of \$60,000 for DNA weapons case analysis for the Division of Police. Since this contract will be funded with Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Funds, there will be no effect on the financial status of the General Fund. A total of \$60,000.00 has been appropriated for this contract through the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Funds.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to enter into contract with the Mansfield Crime Lab for DNA weapons case analysis services for the Division of Police, to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

WHEREAS, there is a need to contract for DNA casework analysis services for the Division of Police Crime Lab; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Police Department Crime Laboratory meets the necessary accreditation standards and operates in accordance with FBI laboratory DNA quality assurance guidelines to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said services was appropriated and available in the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Funds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Mansfield Police Department Crime Laboratory to perform DNA casework analysis for the Division of Police Crime Lab; thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Public Safety Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Mansfield Police Crime Laboratory for DNA weapons case analysis services for the Division of Police Crime Lab.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$60,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from the after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.