



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: SHERIFF

File #: 21-068

Board Meeting Date: 1/12/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

Subject: Appropriation Transfer Request supporting 2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$376,102 from the U.S Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs to establish a budget appropriation and record revenue for the 2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Forensic DNA Backlog CEBR, through the U.S. Department of Justice, offers an opportunity for government entities with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to handle, screen, and analyze backlogged forensic DNA casework samples. This grant program also assists with improving DNA laboratory infrastructure and analysis capacity so that forensic DNA samples can be processed efficiently and cost effectively. These improvements are critical to helping the criminal justice system use the full potential of DNA technology.

DISCUSSION:

The Sheriff's Office applied for and has been awarded the 2020 CEBR Program grant in the amount of \$376,102 for a period commencing January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023. The grant will assist with overall turnaround times for the handling, screening, and analysis of forensic DNA samples which will increase the output of the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory. The Sheriff's Office does not have a backlog in sexual assault cases and funding from this grant will be primarily used for training expenses and supplies for use in evidence examinations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ATR accepts unanticipated revenue of \$376,102 from U.S. Department of Justice. There is no Net County Cost associated with this action.