

9. Consideration of participating in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program.



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Mariano Augello, Chief of Police

DATE: November 7, 2024

RE: Consideration of participating in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

SUMMARY:

The Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) is the combined application of laboratory testing, genetic genealogy, and law enforcement investigative methods to develop investigative leads in unsolved violent crimes and identify unidentified human remains (UHR). This funding may be used to develop SNP DNA profiles eligible for upload to the genealogical databases that permit law enforcement use, as well as for genetic genealogical research. Such methods must be employed in accordance with Department rule.

Funding is available to state and local law enforcement agencies and medical examiner's offices to support those agencies and offices in the processing of DNA samples as specified below:

- Analysis of DNA samples collected under applicable legal authority, using forensic investigative genetic genealogy methods for solving violent crimes
- Analysis of DNA samples of unidentified human remains (regardless of manner of death)

The Palm Bay Police Department would like to participate in the program by requesting \$12,000 to fund external laboratory testing for one case regarding unidentified human remains. This case meets the criteria for participating in the grant.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

Projected revenues and expenditures will be recorded on the memo to accept funding.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the Palm Bay Police Department's submission to the FDLE FY24-25 Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program.