



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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**File #:** 23-1243

**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2023

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**TITLE:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 PROPOSITION 69 FUNDS**

**DEPARTMENT:** POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PRESENTED BY:** ED EVERETT, LIEUTENANT

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Proposed Resolution 2023-XX authorizing the acceptance of the 2022 Proposition 69 funds and authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept the funds in the amount of \$122,606.
2. Approve revenue and expense appropriations in the amount of \$122,606 from the Proposition 69 funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition (Prop) 69, the "DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act," to expand and modify state law regarding the collection and use of criminal offender DNA samples and palm print impressions. Government Code 76104.6 was enacted, which levied additional penalties upon every fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses. The additional penalty is deposited into the DNA Identification Fund.

Prop 69 established a guaranteed funding source for costs associated with the collection, verification, and management of DNA evidence and samples. In addition, the statute provided for each County to determine the methodology or eligibility criteria for the disbursement of their funds. An established Prop 69 Committee administers the Prop 69 funding received by the County. The Committee is comprised of two local Orange County Chiefs of Police, members from the County Executive Office, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, and the Orange County Crime Lab. Collectively, the Committee recognizes the funding is limited and has chosen to utilize the funds to promote innovation to enhance or strengthen DNA programs in Orange County with its public safety partners. The committee voted to allocate one-time funding requests to enhance the DNA programs for local law enforcement entities and county departments.

**ANALYSIS:**

In November of 2022, the Costa Mesa Police Department (CMPD) submitted a funding request to the Prop 69 Committee in the amount of \$122,606 for funding the purchase of a DCS 5 imaging system (\$112,106) and forensic evidence drying cabinets (\$10,500).

In December of 2022, the Prop 69 Committee approved the \$122,606 of funding to be allocated to the Costa Mesa Police Department, which was subsequently approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on April 25, 2023.

The Prop 69 funding will allow the Police Department to purchase the equipment outlined, which will improve and enhance CMPD's ability to identify, collect, process, and store DNA evidence.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative consideration is not to accept the Prop 69 funds. The Department does not recommend this alternative as other funding sources, such as the City's General Fund, would be necessary to fund the purchase of the Crime Scene Unit equipment.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Upon acceptance of the 2022 Prop 69 funds, revenue and expense appropriations in the amount of \$122,606, respectively, will be established.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this report and approved it as to form

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following City Council Goal:

- Strengthen the Public's Safety and Improve the Quality of Life

**CONCLUSION:**

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