



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair
Safety Committee

FROM: Karrie D. Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1145-2021 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY21 Sexual Assault Kit Grant; and authorizing the Director to enter into one or more contracts to implement the grant

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1150-2021 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to accept grant funding from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Justice Assistance for the FY21 Sexual Assault Kit Grant; and enter into contracts with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Bode Cellmark Forensics, Case Western Reserve University, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to implement the grant.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the Sexual Assault Kit grant is to process old, untested rap kits. The funding will allow the Division of Police to submit the final 1,532 kits that are past the statute of limitations and were collected prior to DNA testing technology existed.

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center will provide support to the victims. Case Western Reserve University will be our research partner and maintain statistics. Bode Cellmark Forensics will process the kits for DNA evidence, Ohio BCI will enter any hits into Codis.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$ 284,657 (overtime and one additional officer for Sex Crimes Unit)
Travel:	\$ 44,610 (Transporting kits to be tested, training and conferences)
Equipment:	\$ 80,000 (Interview room furniture and recording equipment and 2 vehicles)
Supplies:	\$ 3,000 (Office supplies)
Other:	\$ 10,800 (Software for locating victims)
Contracts:	\$ <u>2,038,695</u> (Kit testing, victim support, research, entering hit information)
Total:	\$ <u>2,461,762</u>

Grant Information:

- Grant Period is 10/01/21 thru 09/30/24
- There is no local match
- This the second time we have received this grant