



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/1/2022

Item Creation Date:

FIN Houston Forensic Science Center

Agenda Item#: 8.

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing payment to Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc for full Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Expenses pursuant to first Interlocal Agreement between City and **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC**

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 5 above

Background:

The Finance Department (FIN) is requesting City Council to approve and authorizing payment to Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc (HFSC) Local Government Corporation (LGC).

In June 2012, City Council approved Resolution 2012-17 which authorized the creation of the Houston Forensic Science Center LGC to "provide the City with accurate and timely analysis of forensic evidence and related services." In February 2014, Council approved the first inter-local agreement between the City and HFSC. HFSC assumed the responsibility for and control of substantially all forensic operations formally managed by the Houston Police Department ("HPD").

The HFSC continues its initiatives to prevent backlogs, to reduce error rates, expand services (while minimizing outsourcing). Currently, improvements are in progress to streamline evidence submission and working with HPD to have officers handle narcotics evidence.

Fund 2213 was created in FY2014 for the transition of forensic operations from the Houston Police Department to the Houston Forensic Science Center. This fund covers City of Houston/Houston Police Department employees that provide services HFSC. HPD staff is paid through Fund 2213. They provide technical and analytical expertise in the identification of controlled substances, analysis of firearms, forensic serology, DNA testing, toxicology, computer forensics, latent prints, and crime scene services. They also manage and maintain proficiency testing, audits, certifications, inspections, and performance.

To continue HFSC operations for the full FY2023, the HFSC requires funding of operating capital in the total amount of \$28,508,208.00.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item will be included in the FY2023 Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Prior Council Action:

- Reso. 2012-17, 6/6/12
- Ord. 2014-165, 2/26/14
- Ord. 2015-184, 2/25/15
- Ord. 2019-117, 2/20/19
- Ord. 2020-898, 10/20/20
- Ord. 2021-438, 6/2/21

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$28,508,208.00
General Fund
Fund 1000

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Coversheet
Caption
Funding Information
Proposed Budget
Target Letter
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Backup Material
Financial Information
Backup Material
Ordinance/Resolution/Motion