



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Statewide Criminal Analysis Laboratory System grant.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Statewide Criminal Analysis Laboratory Grant (Grant).

- The Grant is supported by court fines and fees and provides recurring supplemental funding for the Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory's (Pinellas Laboratory) operating costs.
- Pinellas Laboratory completed a total of 11,118 laboratory service requests in FY23, an increase of approximately 5% from FY22.
- Funding in the amount of \$265,000.00 is included in and consistent with the Medical Examiner's FY24 Adopted Budget.
- No match is required.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

This Grant Agreement is recurring supplemental funding for the Pinellas Laboratory. The Grant supports the Pinellas Laboratory operating costs reducing reliance on general revenue support.

### **Background Information:**

The Grant was established under Florida Statutes (F.S.), Section 938.07 and Section 938.055. Fines and fees are allocated annually across each of the five locally operated state crime laboratories based upon the percentage of population served. Pinellas County serves 12.26% of the population and will receive approximately 12.26% of the fines collected through FY23. FDLE disperses funding quarterly based upon the total fines collected.

As a member of the Florida Crime Laboratory System (F.S. 943.33), Pinellas County receives funding from the collection of fines for criminal cases in which member laboratory services are used. This grant is the distribution of those fines to Pinellas County for the purpose of offsetting laboratory operational funding. Pinellas Laboratory completed a total of 11,118 laboratory services requests in FY23, an increase of approximately 5% from FY22.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Funding to support the anticipated award under Grant Number Y7005 has been included in the Medical Examiner's FY24 Adopted Budget No match is required.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Attachments:**

Agreement

Intent to Apply