



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 13

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Acceptance of Proposition 69 Reimbursement

ABSTRACT:

The Police Department requests City Council approval to accept Proposition 69 reimbursement funding of \$67,134.28 for the purchase of a temporary property evidence locker and the cost of the associated drywall and electrical work needed for installation. The funding was approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2026, but the Police Department is required to purchase the equipment and then request reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-075 accepting Proposition 69 funds in the amount of \$67,134.28 as reimbursement for the purchase of specified evidence processing equipment and appropriating \$67,134.28 in increased expenditures in Account No. 01035352-851016.

DISCUSSION:

Proposition 69 Funding

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 69 (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. As a result, Government Code 76104.6 was enacted and mandated a fee for every fine, penalty or forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses.

The collected fees go into the DNA Identification Fund as 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. The Proposition 69

Committee (Committee) administers funding received by the County of Orange and is comprised of representatives from the County Executive Office, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Crime Lab, and two municipal police chiefs. The Committee has chosen to utilize the funds to promote innovation in enhancing DNA programs in Orange County with its public safety partners.

Evidence Locker System

In October 2025, the Police Department submitted a funding request of \$68,528 to install a secure, short-term storage unit designed to maintain the integrity of evidence collected in the field. This locker system will provide a secure, climate-controlled environment before evidence is formally processed and transferred to long-term evidence storage. The locker system can be removed and re-installed at another location in the future, if needed. In December 2025, the Committee approved the requested funding and the appropriation was submitted to the Orange County Board of Supervisors as part of its Mid-Year Budget Report.

On January 27, 2026, the Board of Supervisors authorized allocation of \$396,667 in Prop. 69 funds, including the Police Department's request for \$68,528. The funding is allocated as a reimbursement, so the Police Department must purchase the equipment and services using an account with sufficient available funding. A description of the equipment, including actual costs, is shown in the table below:

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	COST
Temporary Evidence Locker	Evidence locker parts, freight, and labor for installation of evidence locker	\$55,626.50
Drywall	Drywall replacement, paint, and labor for installation of evidence locker	\$7,638.00
Electrician	Electrical materials and labor for installation of evidence locker	\$3,869.78
	TOTAL	\$ 67,134.28

Actual costs are slightly less than the requested amount, \$68,528, due to pricing changes; therefore, the request for reimbursement will be \$67,134.28.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The budget amendment appropriates \$67,134.28 in additional revenue from Proposition 69 funds and \$67,134.28 in increased expenditure appropriations. The reimbursement funds will be posted as revenue to the Support Services – Prop 69 account in the Police Department, 01035352-431055, and the purchase will be appropriated in the Support Services – Maintenance & Repair of Building account, 01035352-851016.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Budget Amendment No. 26-075

Attachment B – Orange County Board of Supervisors Minute Order of January 27, 2026

Attachment C – County of Orange FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Report Excerpt