Agenda Item No. 3CC-2

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 10, 2026	**[x]**	**Consent**	**[ ]**	**Regular**
	[ ]	**Ordinance**	**[ ]**	**Public Hearing**

Department:
Submitted By: **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office**
Submitted For: **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office**

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) accept on behalf of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) an Award Letter between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and PBSO for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Program (Coverdell) in the amount of $88,870.89, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and **B) approve** a Budget Amendment of $88,871 in the Sheriff's Grant Fund.

Summary: On July 26, 2026, FDLE awarded $88,870.89 in grant funding to PBSO through the FY 2025 Coverdell Program. The grant funds will improve forensic science services at the Palm Beach County Crime Laboratory through the acquisition of equipment/instruments, lab supplies and training for the Forensic Scientists. The Assistance Listings Number is 16.742 and the award number is pending. There is **no match requirement** associated with this award. Countywide (RS)

Background and Justification: The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Program to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services. BJA awards these funds to FDLE as the State Administering Agency (SAA), which in turn, provides funding to five county laboratories (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Pinellas and Indian River) and the Medical Examiner's Office to enhance their facilities and increase productivity by reducing turnaround times.

Attachments:

1. FY25 FDLE Award Letter
2. Budget Amendment

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RECOMMENDED BY: Ric L. Bradshaw Digitally signed by Ric L. Bradshaw Date: 2026.10.08 10:07:39 -04'00'
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DATE

APPROVED BY: N/A
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DATE

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**	**2031**
Capital Expenditures	0				
Operating Costs	0				
External Revenues	0				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)	0				
Net Fiscal Impact	**				
# Additional FTE Positions (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Current Budget: YES _____ NO __X__

Budget Account No.: Fund 1152 Agency 160 Org 2518 Object 3129

Reporting Category _____

Does this item include the use of federal funds: Yes __X__ No _____

Does this item include the use of state funds: Yes_____ No _X_____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact:

The FY25 Paul Coverdell Program is pass-through to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. **There is no match requirement associated with this award**. **"The FY 2026 budget is being amended to include the Coverdell funding of $88,871. The capital expenditures is $7,000 and the operating costs is $81,871.

FY25 Paul Coverdell Program	$88,871
Total Program Budget	$88,871

III REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

10/20/2024
OFMB

10/20/24
Contract Administration

B. Legal Sufficiency:

AM 10/20
DA 10/20

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

FDLE

Florida Department of
Law Enforcement

J. Mark Glass
Commissioner

Ron DeSantis, Governor
James Uthmeier, Attorney General
Blaise Ingoglia, Chief Financial Officer
Wilton Simpson, Commissioner of Agriculture

July 22, 2026

Honorable Ric Bradshaw
Sheriff
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory
3228 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 34406

Re: BJA FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement- Formula Grants Program

Dear Sheriff Bradshaw:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is pleased to award the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory a grant for Federal Financial Assistance in the amount of $88,870.89 for the project entitled FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement – Formula Grants Program.

Funding is allocated for the state fiscal year 2026-2027, with the grant period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. The amount awarded will only fund the categories and items outlined in the award agreement.

Information from grant awards and performance reports are provided to the Legislature and Governor's Office, as well as to the Department of Financial Services (DFS) via the Florida Accountability Contract Tracking System (FACTS). The grant agreement, all corresponding information, and a copy of the grant document is provided to FACTS to meet requirements under Chapter 2013-54 and 2013-154 Laws of Florida. Please be aware, in the event your agency's submission contains confidential and/or exempt information prohibited from public dissemination under Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, your organization bears the responsibility for applying proper redactions. Otherwise, any and all records submitted may be released without redactions.

Should your agency opt to decline the grant award, in whole or in part, notification should be made to the Planning and Budgeting Bureau Chief on agency letterhead. The notification should be emailed to OPBFunding@fdle.state.fl.us in a timely manner. Any further inquiries into this project should be directed to your grant manager Emily Oriti via email or by phone at (850) 410-8561.

Sincerely,

Emma Prezioso, Contracts and Grants Manager
on behalf of Chief Gardner

Rebecca Gardner
Chief of Planning and Budgeting Bureau

RG/eo

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET AMENDMENT

BGRV 101626*29
BGEX 101626*193

FUND 1152 - Sheriff's Grants

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	UNIT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED as of 10-7-2026	REMAINING BALANCE
REVENUES									
160-2518-3129	Federal Grant - Other Public Safety	Paul Coverdell FY25	0	0	88,871	0	88,871		
	Total Fund Revenues		**11,487,684**	**14,663,220**	**88,871**	**0**	**14,752,091**		
EXPENDITURES									
160-2518-9498	Transfer to Sheriff's Fund 1902	Paul Coverdell FY25	0	0	88,871	0	88,871	0	88,871
	Total Fund Expenditures		**11,487,684**	**14,663,220**	**88,871**	**0**	**14,752,091**		

SIGNATURES Ric L. Bradshaw — Digitally signed by Ric L. Bradshaw Date: 2026.10.14 08:44:56 -04'00' — **DATES**

Initiating Department/Division

10/20/2026

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At Meeting of: 11/10/2026

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Updated by OFMB 06 18 2024