Budget Narrative

The San Francisco Police Department Crime Lab has a backlog in firearm and toolmark cases that will be addressed using Coverdell grant funds.

Fifty thousand one hundred and twenty seven dollars ($50,127) will be used to procure two (2) controlled-substance hand-held Raman spectrometers. These instruments will be used to perform the initial screening of evidence in the controlled substance laboratory once it is reestablished. The spectrometers will improve the laboratory's ability to conduct field-based as well as in-situ analysis, allowing a rapid and non-destructive identification of unknown samples. The equipment will allow the laboratory to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services.

Eleven thousand three hundred and ten dollars ($11,310) of grant funds will be spent on ammunition for forensic testing which will help to get cases completed and reduce delays, further reducing the backlog of case and turn-around times.