

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Parks & Recreation;

CBQ NO.: 67

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REQUEST:

We are aware the proposed Park Security Manager position will be a reclassified vacant Park Ranger position. Could you please explain the source of funding for the salary pay of this position assuming there is a salary difference between the two positions?

RESPONSE:

The vacant Park Ranger I position being reclassified to the new Park Security Manager position has a budget of \$74,415, including benefits. The new Park Security Manager position has a budget of \$133,410, including benefits, resulting in a \$58,995 increase. The additional cost will be funded through savings in the Park Ranger program's Temporary Employees budget.

The Security Manager will provide strategic department-wide direction, coordination with partners, and leadership across park safety efforts. The increased salary reflects the higher level of responsibility and strategic oversight required to effectively manage and enhance the Austin Parks and Recreation's security needs and functions.