

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Police Department

CBQ NO.: 017

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REQUEST: Please confirm that recent investments in our sexual assault response remain in the proposed budget, including the financial commitments relating to the January 2022 lawsuit settlement and the items identified by the Police Executive Research Forum (Reported Sexual Assault Comprehensive Evaluation).

RESPONSE: The FY 2023-24 budget maintains all of the ongoing funding commitments to the City's investments in sexual assault response, including those related to the January 2022 lawsuit settlement and the items identified by the Police Executive Research Form. The FY24 budget does not include funding for the following investments as they were identified as one-time costs and will be encumbered by September 30, 2023:

- Re-engage PERF/Women's Law Project/Wellesley Center for Women to perform an audit one year after settlement to ensure changes were implemented (\$237,500);
- Purchase of vehicles for the APD Sex Crimes Unit and Victim Services Division (\$325,000);
- Body worn camera tripod stands for Sex Crimes Unit (\$2,000);
- Consultant Support for APD working group (\$75,000);
- Overtime for Sex Crimes Unit Detectives to attend training on an overtime basis (\$74,408).

