

**FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: Is any money allocated in the proposed FY23-24 budget for the Office of Violence Prevention to prevent or otherwise address violence and harm that surrounds sex work or affects sex workers?

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**RESPONSE:**

In FY24, the OVP will provide the following services to and for the community. Sex workers may be able to receive services through our Community Violence Intervention program (ATX Peace) as well as through our Trauma Recovery Center.

Providers/Collaborators	Program/Initiative	Program Description
National Institute on Criminal Justice Reform	Austin Violence Prevention	Support the Office of Violence Prevention with implementing a Gun Violence Reduction Strategy and implement a Community Violence Intervention Program
Lock Arms for Life	Safe Gun Storage Saves Lives	Educating the public on the importance of utilizing gun locks to safely secure firearms to reduce accidental gun-related injuries and deaths
Jail to Jobs / Life ANew	Community Violence Intervention (ATX Peace)	Reducing homicides and shootings in hotspot locations (Rundberg/Georgian Acres neighborhoods & Riverside/Pleasant Valley) by providing street outreach, case management and conflict mediation to individuals who are at the highest risk for committing or being the victim of community violence.

Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)	PeaceRox	Provide behavioral health services to at-risk youth in the school disciplinary system to empower the youth and reduce behavioral issues
YWCA	Gen YW	Provision of behavioral health skills classes to at-risk youth along with mental health services to the youth and families
Mexic-Arte Museum	Community Art and Screen It	Encourage innovation through art that focus on individual, relational, community, and systemic levels of violence prevention and positive youth development
Sunrise Community Church	Prevent Violence by Intervention and Education	Provision of trainings to staff and community on de-escalation, and conflict resolution techniques as an alternative to violence
Austin Bat Cave	Afterschool Therapeutic and Journaling Workshops	Work with students in Title 1 schools in creative writing and therapeutic journaling during afterschool
Council on At-Risk Youth {(CARY) Community Rooted Safety Grant}	PeaceRox Expansion (Funds an additional school)	Working with referred at-risk youth in the school disciplinary system empowering them with behavioral health skills to avoid youth crime and violence
Housing Authority for the City of Austin Foundation	Neighborhood Safety Initiative	Build trust among residents and improve the relationships between HACA residents and law enforcement through restorative justice healing circles, addressing interpersonal conflicts, and building trusting relationships
American Youth Works	Youth Build Restorative Justice Project	Utilizing restorative justice practices to enhance community building, conflict resolution/mediation, and addressing some problematic behaviors at school campuses.
Firearm Transfer Assistance Project (FTAP)	Firearm Surrender Protocol	Develop a comprehensive firearm surrender protocol for domestic violence cases in Austin and Travis County

UT Austin Population Research Center - Initiative for Law, Societies, and Justice, and OVP	Safe Community Ecosystem-Measurements of Safety	Develop a framework to understand safety at the community level to guide programming, investments, policy, and measurement of progress toward creating a city with equitable safety
African American Youth Harvest Foundation	Trauma Recovery Center	Provide mental health trauma treatment to survivors of violent crime and their families