

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Police Department

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REQUEST: Please provide the proposed expenditures for each of the Police Department's forfeiture funds?

RESPONSE:

The proposed asset forfeiture budgets consist of both planned and unplanned categories of expenditures in order to accommodate for both prioritized but unfunded equipment, as well as unanticipated equipment and technology needs. Some of the larger capital expenditures could span several fiscal years.

The budgeted expenditures from the Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund for FY 2023-24 total \$2,016,046. Planned expenditures from the fund include \$1,969,128 in capital purchases including an incident command vehicle and helicopter completion services/make-ready equipment, \$35,868 for police commodities, and \$11,050 for contractual agreements including training.

The budgeted expenditures from the Federal Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Fund for FY 2023-24 total \$2,720,191. Planned expenditures from the fund include \$2,042,986 in capital purchases including funds earmarked for pre-construction services related to a scenario based training facility and helicopter equipment, \$200,000 for police commodities including patrol breaching equipment for an active shooter situation, and \$477,205 for contractual agreements including training.

The budgeted expenditures from the State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Fund for FY 2023-24 total \$1,718,718. Planned expenditures from the fund include \$1,110,545 in capital purchases including a replacement bearcat, robot replacement for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), night vision goggle replacements, and undercover vehicle replacements, \$300,000 for police commodities, and \$308,173 for contractual agreements.

The State Gambling Forfeiture Fund accounts for proceeds from the sale of property forfeited through the courts under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure related to disposition of gambling paraphernalia. The budgeted expenditures from the State Gambling Asset Forfeiture Fund for FY 2023-24 total \$568,192. Planned expenditures from the fund include \$400,000 in capital purchases including digital imaging x-ray systems for EOD, \$100,000 for police commodities, and \$68,192 for contractual agreements including training.

All of the asset forfeiture funds are restricted for law enforcement use according to the regulations governing each type of fund and each type of fund has various limitations on the use. All purchases from asset forfeiture funds are reviewed by the department's financial officer, the City law department and are subsequently approved by the Police Chief.