



COMMISSION ON AGING RECOMMENDATION
Recommendation Number: 20230308-7iv
APD TRAINING FOR ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA & OTHER RELATED
CONDITIONS

Strategic Direction: Affordability and Government That Works

Date: March 8, 2023

Subject: FY2024 Budget Recommendations

Motioned By: Bondi **Seconded By:** Angel

Recommendation

The Commission on Aging recommends the City Manager designate or redistribute existing funding to provide regular, annual training to existing and new APD persons on Alzheimer's, dementia, and other related conditions. In addition to understanding the impacts of these conditions, training should include handling and de-escalation of situations involving persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other related conditions.

Rationale:

Austin has seen significant growth in its older adult population and as that population continues to age, Alzheimer's, dementia and other related conditions will naturally ensue to a significant portion of the older adult population and the vast majority of patients suffering with Alzheimer's or dementia are older adults (50+). Further, the growth of Austin's older adult population is projected to continue.

Currently, APD does not receive training on how to address and de-escalate issues with persons suffering from Alzheimer's dementia or other related conditions, even though the national Alzheimer's Association directs Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers to inform local police jurisdictions when patients with Alzheimer's or dementia contact them or are involved with local police, so the police can be aware and handle those persons appropriately.

APD's normal approach for handling behavioral issues or wandering may be inappropriate for Alzheimer's or dementia patients. With added training and correctly approached, behavioral disturbances demonstrated by individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia and other related conditions can be more safely and effectively managed.

Date of Approval: March 8, 2023

Record of the vote:

For: Chair Temperley, Vice-Chair Bondi, Angel, Bordie, Briesemeister, De Maria Nicola, Garcia-Pittman, Lugo, Van Sickle, Van De Putte, Varteressian.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bauman, Kareithi, Lopez-Guerrero

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Attest:

Amy Temperley, Chair