



RECOMMENDATION

Commission for Women

Recommendation Number 20230405-010 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Recommendation: Public Safety-Police Executive Research Forum Actions

WHEREAS, the Joint Inclusion Committee (“Committee”) of the City of Austin (“City”) advises City Council (“Council”) on issues pertaining to diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the City Manager’s Office contracted the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), in conjunction with the Women’s Law Project and the Wellesley Centers for Women, to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the way sexual assaults reported to the Austin Police Department (APD) are investigated and processed; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2022, the final PERF report was released, [*Austin Police Department \(APD\) Review, Reported Sexual Assault Comprehensive Evaluation*](#), and included comprehensive findings and over one hundred recommendations; and

WHEREAS, since the release of the PERF report, the Austin Police Department has been working with the Austin/Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT) to address the recommendations and take actions, including revisions to APD policies and procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Committee recommends that APD allocate investments in the FY2023-24 budget to ensure complete and timely implementation of the actions resulting from the PERF report.

Date of Approval: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Record of the vote: Unanimous on an 8-0 vote

Attest: *Tabitha Taylor*

(Staff Liaison, Tabitha Taylor)

For: Chair Rebecca Austen, Neva Fernandez, Diana Melendez, Pam Rattan, Priscilla Cortez, Julie Glasser, Josephine Serrata, and Jocelyn Tau