

**2019-2020 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT(S):** Austin Police Department

**REQUEST NO.:** 35

**REQUESTED BY:** Alter

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**REQUEST:** How many new Victim Services counselors will APD receive funding for? Which units will receive these counselors?

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**RESPONSE:** The FY 2019-20 budget adds two Victim Services Counselors, bringing the total Victim Services counseling staff to 32 positions in the General Fund (this includes supervisory and management staff within the Victim Services team). Between the two positions proposed in the FY 2019-20 budget and the three positions funded in the FY 2018-19 budget, all of which receive complete funding from the General Fund, the City has added five additional Victim Services Counselors. There was also a temporary employee position converted to permanent full-time employee in FY 2019-20.

The two new positions will be assigned to the Victim Services Crisis Response Team to increase their capacity to respond to sex crime calls.