

Agenda Questions/Responses
May 06, 2004

5. Are the performance measures being met by the contractor? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

The contractor met or exceeded all performance measures for the contract period ended December 31, 2003, as follows:

Output Measures:

Number of clients affected by Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) provided with education sessions (TARGET: 12; ACTUAL: 38);
Number of health care professionals provided educational sessions (TARGET: 10; ACTUAL: 32); and
Number of children enrolled in summer Sickle Cell camp (TARGET: 5; ACTUAL: 6)

Outcome Measures:

Percent of clients with increased knowledge of SCD resulting in better managed care (TARGET: 100%; ACTUAL: 100%); and
Percent of health care professionals better equipped to handle patient needs and questions regarding patient's health (TARGET: 100%; ACTUAL: 100%)

**7. How effective has the program been?
Can we afford it? (Mayor Will Wynn)**

Since 1997, the number of auto thefts have been reduced by 27% with the assistance of the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) grant, and APD's Auto Theft Interdiction Project has implemented a variety of strategies to reduce auto thefts, recover stolen vehicles, and prosecute offenders.

This is the 11th year that APD has received this grant support, and we anticipate continuing to request the in-kind match funding through the budget process. The combination of the grant and the City's match funds three detectives, a civilian crime prevention specialist and the administrative assistant who is assigned to the Unit. Despite the cost to the City of funding part of the program, if the grant funding and in-kind match are not approved, the civilian employee would have to be dismissed and the officers reassigned to other Units.

8. Why doesn't this expenditure come out of our citizens' taxes? (Mayor Will Wynn)

The federal Project Safe Neighborhood Grant program was designed to provide additional resources for specialized prosecution of crimes involving firearms in order to supplement the activities funded with tax dollars.

The \$83,000 for the salary of the Assistant District Attorney is completely grant funded by the federal Project Safe Neighborhood grant received by APD.

**14. Are neighbors aware of this product and project?
(Mayor Will Wynn)**

The notification process includes a letter that is distributed to all affected homes 2 to 4 weeks before the work begins. This letter gives a general description of the slurry seal process, including the materials used, and describes how this preventive maintenance technique protects the streets and helps avoid more disruptive repairs by extending the life of the street.

The letter specifies the need to keep vehicles and pedestrian traffic off the street for the cure time after the slurry is applied. Typically the street is reopened late the same day.

The letter also states that 48-hour notice will be given when the exact date for work on a given street is known. On both the letter and the 48-hour notice, phone numbers are provided so that citizens can have their questions answered, and can make any necessary special arrangements (for example, for disabled citizens).

15. Please provide a list of the firms that are currently on this rotation list. (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

Laurie Smith Design Associates
Bommartio Group
Bethany Ramey Architects
Casabella Architects
Madison R. Graham & Associates
J. Robinson & Associates

19. In addition to patrolling for speeders will these vehicles also be used to enforce tailgating and other violations? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

Yes, these vehicles will be used to enforce all occurring traffic violations that are detected by officers in the stealth vehicles.

- 20. Will this amount be sufficient for demand?
Is it consistent with amounts from previous years? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)**

Yes, the amount should be sufficient for the demand as projected by the participating departments. The Austin-Travis County Health Department and Community Care Services Department will administer 17,500 flu shots to high-risk patients, and the City's Wellness program will administer 2,500 flu shots to City employees. This request is to purchase 2,000 vials of flu vaccine, which will equate to approximately 20,000 flu shots.

The number of flu shots required and provided has increased each year. The amount is increased every year to meet projected demand. Flu vaccines ordered for the flu season year 2003 were 14,630, for year 2004 there were 17,150 and for 2005 there will be 20,000. This amount is a 16.62% increase over the previous year.

- 27. Are copies available of the drafts of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the 2004-2005 Action Plan, and the 2004-2005 Community Development Program? If so, please provide copies. If not, when will these drafts be made available to the public/City Council? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)**

The public comment period will begin on Monday, May 10, 2004 and end on Wednesday, June 9, 2004. Copies of the Consolidated Plan will be placed for viewing at 12 neighborhood centers and libraries by May 10, 2004. We will distribute the Consolidated Plan to Council members first thing Tuesday, May 11, 2004. In addition, NHCD will make copies available for the public to view on May 11, 2004 at the Community Development Commission (CDC) meeting as well as the Council meeting on May 13, 2004.

Information will also be available the week of May 10, 2004 on our website at <http://www.cityofaustin.org/housing/2004/news/040104cpp.htm>