



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Review of Austin Police Department Grants (Resolution 20200611-096)

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Resolution No. [20200611-096](#) directs the City Manager to “...review all grants received by the Austin Police Department to determine if those funds and initiatives align with and advance Council’s affirmed vision for department policies and practices.” The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council that the review of Austin Police Department (APD) grants is complete and all grants align with Council’s policy goal as stated in the Resolution.

The attached documents provide an overview of the evaluation of grants in relation to the relevant Resolution directives, followed by information sheets with detail specific to open solicitations, pending applications and active grant programs.

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Attachments:

1. Austin Police Department Grants Review
2. Austin Police Department Grant Programs

# Austin Police Department Grants Review

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APD regularly seeks grant funding to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist crime victims. State and federal grants assist the department with unmet needs, providing services and resources that are not included with the City's general fund budget. Proposals are developed with relevant staff and stakeholders, and programs are implemented in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and award terms and special conditions.

Approximately 40 City-funded full-time employees assigned within multiple specialty areas support grant activities: Purchasing and Alarm Administration; Accounting, Budget, Accounts Payable and Receivable; Grants Administration; Police Equipment; and Facilities Planning and Building Services. This cross-discipline team adheres to strict policies and internal controls, coordinating with sworn and civilian personnel across the department to ensure the timely delivery of grant-funded services. APD successfully participates in the City's single annual audit and is accustomed to frequent audits at the local, state, federal level that result in no significant findings. Finance and program managers meet weekly to address challenges and gaps in service, complete project planning and budget forecasts, discuss process improvements, and resolve performance and sustainability issues.

Grant oversight is provided by several key positions:

- Authorized Official (AO): this official is the Assistant City Manager who oversees public safety departments. The AO is authorized to submit applications, accept awards and certify adjustments made over the course of a project.
- Finance Office (FO) / Finance Point of Contact (FPOC): this official is the Chief Finance Officer for the department. The FO/FPOC files required finance reports (monthly/quarterly), maintains financial records and tracks expenditures / match funds, requests payments, retains grant-funded employee time certifications, and works collaboratively with PD/PM and programmatic staff.
- Project Director (PD) / Program Manager (PM): this official is the Program Manager for the department. The PD/PM is responsible for applications, adjustments, subawards, contracts, grant-funded staff and programmatic reporting. This official shares the day-to-day monitoring of funded projects with APD commanders and civilian managers in coordination with the FO/FPOC (and Finance Division personnel), project partners and stakeholders.

APD currently operates more than 20 state and federally funded grant programs.<sup>1</sup> Grantors include the State of Texas, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Grantors provide awards following a review of such factors as need, scope, cost effectiveness, administrative competencies, audit and compliance history, risk, and

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<sup>1</sup> Grant information sheets – project summaries, funded and match positions, budgets and answers to frequently asked questions – are included as a separate attachment.

anticipated impacts. The majority of funded programs are competitive and all are constrained by purpose area, allowable costs, and a finite amount of time to complete activities. All grantors require official adjustments prior to the approval of finance, programmatic and administrative changes.

The following information serves to confirm that APD grant programming current aligns with the relevant nine of fifteen directives (*italicized font*) directed by Council Resolution No. [20200611-096](#).

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*No additional sworn police staff positions.*

The Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project – a grant that dates back to the late 90’s – currently funds, in part, three sworn positions. No other active or pending grant includes funding for the base salary or fringe benefits of additional sworn positions.

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*Explore options for reallocating positions and roles currently assigned to the Austin Police Department that could be managed by other departments, including but not limited to Code Enforcement, Austin Transportation Department, Austin Public Health, Austin Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.*

*Explore options for reallocating positions and roles to new city units and departments not currently reflected in our existing organizational structure including but not limited to an Office of Violence Prevention as other major cities have created.*

*Explore options for reallocating positions and roles currently assigned to the Austin Police Department that could be managed by other outside partner entities, including but not limited to CAPCOG, constable precincts, or non-profit organizations.*

We reviewed each grant in light of directives seeking the potential reallocation of positions and roles. Our questions to grantors were general in nature: would your agency permit the transfer of the FO/FPOC or PD/PM role outside of APD? Would your agency permit the transfer of grant-funded roles and/or positions outside of APD?

All grantors confirmed that City must submit detailed written requests for all proposed financial, programmatic and administrative changes.<sup>2</sup> Grantors requested that when relevant, we include any proposed new management structure or reassignment, the competencies of new personnel, assurances of proper internal controls, the cost effectiveness of any changes, impact variations / changes to target performance metrics, scope of work revisions, and budget modifications. Their overarching concerns focused on potential shifts outside of approved activity, untested / unknown management components and internal controls, and the potential for future audit findings.

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<sup>2</sup> Grant adjustments: federal and state turnaround times average three to six weeks.

The majority of the City's state-funded programs are awarded through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD). CJD was uniquely helpful in discussing Council's directives and providing their feedback. The agency explained that they would likely terminate awarded funds should the City transfer staff involved in award administration (FO/FPOC and PD/PM roles) outside of APD. In addition, CJD stated explicitly that all programmatic personnel (funded and match) remain under the police department. For example, they will deny a grant adjustment that results in the movement of victim services personnel outside of the department.

Please note that the following special conditions are attached to seven of eleven active and pending CJD-funded projects.

**Special Condition:** "This grant is approved for award as submitted and must be administered by the Austin Police Department. Deviation from the approved budget or project scope requires prior authorization from the Public Safety Office. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the termination of your grant."

- 2827405 APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project (10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021)
- 1748717 Crime Lab Enhancement Project (1/1 – 9/30/2021)
- 4026301 Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project (expires 8/31/2021)
- 3695702 First Responder Mental Health Program (4/1 – 9/30/2021)

**Special Condition:** "This grant must be administered by the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Constable Precinct, or other Law Enforcement Division/Department within the grantee organization as submitted in the original application. Deviation from the approved budget or project scope requires prior authorization from the Public Safety Office. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the termination of your grant."

- 2827405 APD Victim Crisis Intervention Project (10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021)
- 3699503 APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project (10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021)
- 4026201 Rifle Resistant Body Armor (expires 8/31/2021)
- 4026301 Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project (expires 8/31/2021)
- 3946601 Air Support Improvement (10/1/2020 – 6/30/2021)

Discussion focused on the movement of personnel between partner agencies to cost effectively accomplish grant objectives is ongoing. Several active grants currently allow APD to hire temporary-status personnel and specially assign the positions at 100% to outside agencies. For example, the City's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative currently funds two non-system advocates and an administrator for Eloise House. The City has assigned the three full-time positions to SAFE Alliance.

In addition to the flexibility offered with temporary-status personnel, APD uses a number of active grants to outsource for the completion of activities and required deliverables. Grantors allow the City (with prior approval) to enter into professional services contracts and subaward agreements. As examples, the CJD-funded First Responder Mental Health Program permits the City to completely outsource counseling services for sworn and civilian personnel (APD and AFD); the DOJ-funded community-based crime reduction program allows for a subaward with the University of Texas RGK Center to complete research and assessment support; and the DOT-funded Motor Carrier Safety Administration project provides funding for the City to contract with a vendor for public safety announcements.

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*Exempt victim services and sex crimes unit from cuts unless those FTEs are transferred to another City department or to a newly created department.*

Several grants (state and federal) include victim services and sex crimes personnel, and there are no plans to cut the positions. Grant-funded assignments conclude on project-period end dates or when the City absorbs the personnel costs. APD plans to apply for future funding for all current grant-funded positions. CJD-funded victim services counselors and City-funded personnel provided as match cannot transfer outside of APD.

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*No additional funding for militarized equipment, including but not limited to: tear gas, rubber bullets and beanbag rounds.*

No active or pending grants include funding for tear gas, rubber bullets or beanbag rounds. The City recently accepted CJD grant funding for the purchase of rifle resistant body armor to replace age expired equipment for the protection of officers. APD will consult with CMO should there be any question regarding potential grant items that may be categorized as militarized equipment.

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*Funds for the distribution of Naloxone and training in its use to ensure that officers save lives when confronted with drug overdose situations.*

Previous Coverdell funding has allowed for the purchase of Naloxone for first responders. Future Coverdell funding could potentially cover such costs with grantor approval.

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*Increase staffing for mental health first response, such as Community Health Paramedics, EMCOT, and the Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST), to ensure the full implementation of an alternative response to 911 calls related to mental health.*

This unmet need remains a priority for APD. Earlier in the year, a relevant DOJ solicitation posted and staff discussed the opportunity with HOST supervisors and Integral Care; unfortunately, the grantor objectives and allowable costs did not align with the City's current needs.

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*Include funds for the expansion of programs to reduce or eliminate arrests for low-level, non-violent offenses by substituting alternatives to arrest and incarceration, including harm reduction strategies, when the underlying issues can be better addressed with services and health care.*

Earlier in the year, APD partnered with Travis County and stakeholders to develop a grant proposal to fund a pilot pre-arrest diversion program (with the County proposed as fiscal agent). While the application was not selected for funding, the grants management team continues to keep an eye out for new opportunities.

As the City considers decoupling options, The City Manager's Office will work with the APD Grants Manager to review existing and ongoing grant program requirements in relation to decoupling ideas, identify potential challenges and implications, and work with grantors to ensure that current and future funds continue to support successful programming.

## **Austin Police Department Grant Programs**

Updated: February 24, 2021

This update provides the following information:

- ❖ Proposals/Applications in development stage
- ❖ Pending proposals
- ❖ Grant-funded personnel summary
- ❖ Program and budget detail for all active grants
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**OPEN GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – PROPOSALS IN DEVELOPMENT**

Opportunity Title	Deadline	Budget Priorities
High Priority CMV	3/15/2021 to US DOT FMCSA	Continuation of three HP CMV projects: license & weights, general duty and education/outreach
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation	3/29/2021 to US DOJ BJA	Undetermined

**PENDING PROPOSALS**

Project	Status	Budget
STEP CMV	Pending @ TXDOT	\$61,000 request (overtime) \$15,263 City match
STEP Comprehensive	Pending @ TXDOT	\$729,000 request (overtime) \$182,290 City match
Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program	Pending @ TX CJD	\$366,178 request (overtime for non-DNA casework backlogs and essential equipment/supplies) \$0 City match
Criminal Justice Program	Pending @ TX CJD	\$109,369 request (regional law enforcement equipment) \$0 City match
First Responder Mental Health Program	Pending @ TX CJD	\$387,876 request (ongoing contracts for mental health clinicians (serving APD, AFD and other first responders) \$97,527 City match
General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA)	Pending @ TX CJD	\$796,206 request (continuation of current VOCA with eight (8) counselor FTEs) \$199,052 City match
Project Safe Neighborhoods	Pending @ TX CJD	\$136,000 request (ongoing violent crime initiatives paired with engagement and outreach, 75/25 split) \$0 City match
Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant	Pending @ TX CJD	\$446,540 request (purchase of body armor and carriers for sworn personnel) \$0 City match
Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program	Pending @ TX CJD	\$273,710 request (continuation of ViCAP investigative support efforts) \$117,305 City match



## GRANT-FUNDED PERSONNEL SUMMARY

# FTE <sup>1</sup> / # Temp <sup>2</sup>	Grant
3 detective FTEs (full time) 1 admin FTE (full time) 3 investigative support temps (part time) <i>Match: multiple City-funded positions</i>	<b>City of Austin Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Award: \$414,319 (\$166,601 match) Performance Period: 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021
8 counselor FTEs (full time) <i>Match: multiple City-funded positions</i>	<b>City of Austin Police Department Victim Crisis Intervention Project</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Award: \$662,339 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021
5 investigative support temps (part time) <i>Match: multiple City-funded positions</i>	<b>City of Austin Violence Against Women Investigative Project</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Award 1: \$168,670 (\$72,288 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021
1 site coordinator FTE (full time) 3 investigative support temps (full time) 1 admin temp (part time) 2 videographer temps (part time) <sup>3</sup>	<b>City of Austin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative</b> Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Award 1: \$2,000,000 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021 Award 2: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2022
1 temp counselor (full time) <i>Match: multiple City-funded positions</i>	<b>City of Austin First Responder Mental Health Resiliency Program</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Award: \$255,979.60 (\$63,995 match) Performance Period: 1/1/2019 – 3/31/2021 <b>City of Austin Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Program</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Award: \$112,781 (\$30,528 match) Performance Period: 1/1/2019 – 3/31/2021 <b>City of Austin First Responder Mental Health Program</b> <i>Note: this grant merges the above two programs</i> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

<sup>1</sup> FTEs receive City benefits, including healthcare and retirement.

<sup>2</sup> Temps receive an hourly wage and after 12 consecutive months of employment are eligible for healthcare.

<sup>3</sup> APD has two videographer temps – they work multiple grant projects.

# FTE <sup>1</sup> / # Temp <sup>2</sup>	Grant
	Award: \$233,823 (\$64,951 match) Performance Period: 4/1 – 9/30/2021
2 videographer temps (part time) <i>Match: multiple City-funded positions</i>	<b>City of Austin Project Safe Neighborhoods</b> Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (Fiscal Agent for U.S. Attorney's Office) Award: \$132,153 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2021
	<b>City of Austin Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program</b> Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women Award: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023
1 site coordinator FTE (full time) 2 videographer temps (part time) 3 community ambassador temps (part time)	<b>City of Austin Community-Based Crime Reduction</b> Grantor: City of Austin Riverside Project Approved Award: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match) Performance Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

## PROGRAM AND BUDGET DETAIL FOR ACTIVE GRANTS

### SYSTEM-BASED SERVICES FOR ALL CRIME TYPES

#### City of Austin Police Department Victim Crisis Intervention Project

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$662,339 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$662,339	The base salary and fringe benefit costs of eight (8) full-time grant-funded FTEs (positions with City benefits).

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), an annual competitive process prioritized through the Capital Area Council of Governments

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program provides funding to support victim assistance programs. Funds may also be used to develop programs that address emerging needs, gaps in services, or training for victim service advocates.

APD counselors are in a unique position, operating from within law enforcement and often serving as a crime victim's first point of contact. APD counselors work in tandem with sworn personnel, responding 24/7 to violent crime incidents including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, sexual assault, child abuse, family violence, non-family violence aggravated assault, human trafficking, kidnapping, child deaths, hate crimes, vehicular homicide, serious injury traffic collisions, natural death, suicide, missing persons, death notifications (for the medical examiner's office) and officer-involved incidents.

The APD Victim Services Division trauma-informed care model ensures that individual and collective systems recognize that trauma can have broad and penetrating effects on victims, survivors and family members – ranging from sensory sensitivities to the more emotional (distrust, powerlessness) personhood. Counselors are aware of the many challenges faced by clients and actively cultivate a healing environment while working through the trauma and assisting with the recovery process. The array of services provided by APD counselors is highly relevant for the city's vulnerable, culturally specific populations, particularly refugee, immigrant and non-English speaking community members. All counselors receive mandatory training in cultural competency. During training they explore perceptions, belief systems, and biases. They discuss perspectives of residents from many of the cultures present within our community and learn to be sensitive to the needs of each victim. Through experience, peer support, and contact with Austin's diverse populations, the counselors become adept at working with victims from all backgrounds.

## Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs. Adjustments that are within the narrow scope of this program may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources that could cover existing activity.
Who are the current program partners?
Partners include the SAFE Alliance and all members of the Austin/Travis County Family Violent Task Force, the Austin/Travis County Interagency Sexual Assault Team (ISAT) and the Austin/Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Response Team (SARRT). Counselors regularly participate in local, regional and statewide meetings to improve responses to and outcomes for victims of violent crimes, to include: FVTF, ISAT, SARRT, Austin/Travis County Hate Crimes Task Force, the Office of the Governor's Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY), Victim Services Coalition (statewide), Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and Austin/Central Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures are extensive and include the number of individuals assessed or screened for needs, number of individuals receiving care, the number of hours of counseling, therapy, or other care performed by a licensed professional.
What is the history of this program? What types of services are provided?
<p>In 1980, the City of Austin recognized the value of hiring a system-based mental health provider to assist victims and police officers with patrol and domestic violence calls. Over the last 40 years, APD has expanded mental health service offerings through a division that is now staffed by a manager, five supervisors, three leads and 36 counselors (26 City-funded positions), nine state-funded positions, and one federally-funded position). Over 90% of APD counselors hold a master's degree and bring multiple years of crisis level experience to the job. On average, each counselor provides services for approximately 275 victims annually. Direct service hours, focused on trauma-informed care, include crisis intervention, counseling, personal advocacy, and information and referrals to help victims, survivors and their families recover more quickly and completely from the effects of victimization. Crime victims recognize the counselors as their link to the criminal justice system, shelters, civil legal services, and counseling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All APD counselors are prepared to assist victims and survivors with co-occurring challenges (homelessness, mental health, substance use) and provide any needed referrals and warm handoffs</li><li>• Counselor unmarked vehicles are equipped with multiple sizes of child safety seats to allow for the safe transportation of infants and toddlers from crime scenes (sworn vehicles cannot accommodate child seats)</li><li>• Counselors accompany family members to vehicle impound lots to retrieve items after serious and fatal collisions</li><li>• Counselors frequently assist families with cleaning crime scenes</li></ul>

- Counselors co-locate with sworn at facilities citywide and regularly assist with old/cold cases, anniversary of death crisis services and walk ins (short-term interventions)
- Counselors take the lead with survivor notification of new evidence in sex crimes cold cases
- Counselors provide cadet training (mindfulness, EMDR, trauma, victimology, victim rights)
- Counselors debrief with investigators following difficult incidents
- At times, when officers cannot leave the scene of an incident (i.e. suspect was not arrested), the officer can often start working on the incident report in their vehicle (or bring their MDC into the location and work on their report) when an APD counselor is on scene

The APD Victim Services Division is considered a best practice model for system-based mental health services within law enforcement. The U.S. Department of Justice recently completed site visits to Austin to consult with division staff and learn more about current policies and processes. In addition, the FBI's victim services is currently working with law enforcement across the nation to develop similar system-based programs.

#### What are the benefits of system-based advocates?

The discussion around communitywide trauma-informed responses is important and the delivery of services – whether system-based or non-system based – must consider the needs of victims, survivors, families and loved ones, as well as justice system requirements and processes (investigation, prosecution and courts). There are pros and cons to all advocate positions. There is an overwhelming need for counselors with a connection to officers and prosecutors and an equal need for advocates that are independent from the justice system, advocates that provide completely confidential services.

System-based advocates (information of note):

- The connection between counselor and victim, combined with the proficiency of counselors in providing assistance for both primary and secondary victims, frees sworn personnel to complete investigative duties and responsibilities within patrol or their specialty area
- Sworn personnel training and continuing education do not typically incorporate the tools and skills needed to accomplish the services provided by the VSD – essentially, officers rely on counselors to assist with daily public safety responses
- APD's system-based counselors have full access to law enforcement reports and are able to directly search reports and enter report supplements for the use of investigators, prosecution and courts
- The VSD is the City's liaison for crime victim compensation (achieves state mandate of a liaison within law enforcement)
- Co-response and co-location have, over the years, resulted in a notable increase in the knowledge and skill base of investigators to provide trauma-informed services, and
- System-based advocates are subject to Brady and related issues, CJIS compliance, Versadex

**SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING**

**City of Austin Violence Against Women Investigative Project**

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award 1: \$168,670 (\$72,288 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$161,339.64	The base salary and FICA/Medicare costs of five (5) part-time grant-funded temporary positions (no City benefits).
\$7,330.36	Supplies (laptops and related technology items)

The purpose of this project is to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improve the justice system's response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Our local focus is ViCAP entry (state mandated) and related investigative work.

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs. Adjustments that are within the scope of this program may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources that could cover existing activity.
Who are the current program partners?
U.S. Department of Justice and State of Texas (CJD)
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of cases entered and investigated. ViCAP entries may impact sexual assault outcomes locally and within jurisdictions nationwide.
Will this project continue after the end date?
Yes – the backlog will take several years to resolve.

**City of Austin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative**

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award 1: \$2,000,000 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$1,598,618	The base salaries and fringe benefits for grant funded staff supporting project initiatives (8 part-time temps, 4 full-time temps, 1 FTE) and overtime for Victim Services, Crime Analyst and Admin, and investigators. Also included: 1 part-time admin temp for TCDA (\$18,667)
\$6,125	Travel for grant required trainings and meetings

\$64,910	Supplies (laptops, monitors and accessories, support items for victims)
\$267,227	Professional Services Contracts for DNA testing and technical review
\$2,157	Mileage for SAFE employees
\$60,963	SAFE subaward for unmet needs (credentialing, client healthcare, panic buttons, dispatch services) and employee costs (parking, employee recognition, client vouchers and translation services).

Award 2: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match)  
Performance Period: 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2022

Cost	Description
\$473,832	The base salaries and fringe benefits for grant funded staff supporting project initiatives (2 part-time temps, 5 full-time temps, 1 FTE) and overtime for Victim Services, Crime Analyst and Admin, and investigators.
\$2,936	Travel for grant required trainings and meetings
\$155,200	Subaward: Travis County
\$368,032	Professional Services Contracts for DNA testing and technical review

BJA Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) provides funding to support multidisciplinary community response teams to inventory, track, and test previously unsubmitted SAKs (as defined below); produce necessary protocols and policies in support of improved coordination and collaboration among laboratories, police, prosecutors, and victim service providers; provide resources to address the sexual assault investigations and prosecutions that result from evidence and CODIS Hits produced by tested SAKs; and optimize victim notification protocols and services.

The FY17 and FY18 budgets, program activity and next steps are detailed at: [www.AustinSAKI.com](http://www.AustinSAKI.com).

### Q & A

<b>Can we change how funds are allocated?</b>
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs. Funds must remain within the narrow scope of this program. We have adjusted programming and the budgets to expand non-system advocacy and improve outcomes for survivors. Staff works closely with stakeholders and remains open to further adjustments.
<b>What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?</b>
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources to support current/related efforts.
<b>Who are the current program partners?</b>
Partners include the SAFE Alliance and other member agencies of the Austin/Travis County Interagency Sexual Assault Team (ISAT). The SAKI Site Coordinator and Victim Services personnel participate in the Austin/Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Response Team (SARRT).

What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?

Measures range from the number of kits tested and CODIS hits to the number of investigations and related prosecution/disposition.

**City of Austin Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) to Domestic Violence,**

Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women

Award: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

Cost	Description
\$481,605	Personnel and fringe costs for one (1) temp admin, one (1) videographer, one (1) social worker and investigative overtime.
\$20,000	Travel costs for grant personnel
\$473,395	Two (2) subawards for clinic staff and one victim services counselor
\$25,000	Two (2) professional services contracts for assessment and training providers.

The ICJR Program challenges communities to work collaboratively to identify problems and share ideas that will result in effective responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. A coordinated community response that brings together effective partners from the local government including law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices and courts, nonprofit organizations, and population specific organizations is critical to the ICJR Program.

The increased demand for services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in Austin and Travis County has revealed unresolved gaps in services and has created a strain on service providers across the criminal justice system. Consequently, victims experience a delay in criminal justice response, which erodes their trust and participation in the criminal justice system and signals to offenders that consequence to their actions are limited. This project aims to serve the populations of Austin and Travis County, specifically those who have experienced domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by addressing gaps in service within the criminal justice system and in the community.

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?

Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within scope may be requested.

What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?

The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources to support SAFE Alliance (forensic nursing program), Travis County (pretrial/adult probation), APD domestic violence services and other line items prioritized by stakeholders.



Who are the current program partners?

Partners include SAFE Alliance and Travis County (multiple departments), as well as the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force.

What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?

Measures for the City's domestic violence counselor will include the number of victim contacts, what resources have been referred to those victims and quarterly evaluation of the lethality list. The Travis County pretrial/adult probation social worker will track the number of victim contacts, contact type, number of referrals made and safety planning completed. Comparative analysis of violations, sanctions and revocation rates will be conducted annually. Targeted outcomes District Attorney's Office counselor will include: increasing victim engagement and participation in the criminal justice process; reducing victim attrition that can negatively impact case disposition; and creating stronger handoffs for community based services to support the victim outside of the criminal justice system. Progress will be measured by the number of days to initial contact, the number and type of contacts with a victim, the number and type of services provided to a victim internally, and the number and type of referrals for outside services.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REDUCTION WITH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

### City of Austin Riverside Program

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award: \$1,000,000 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

#### Active

Cost	Description
\$681,487	Salaries and benefits for site coordinators and overtime for Victim Services Counselors, Crime Intelligence Analysts and APD officers.
\$9,777	Travel costs for grant required trainings and meetings
\$21,241	Supplies (laptops and accessories, police bicycles and helmets, vehicle magnets, mirrors, doorbells)
\$148,000	Subaward for Research Partner – UT RGK School
\$133,339	Professional Services contracts for violence prevention, social services and outreach and engagement.
\$6,156	Registration fees for training, printed materials and marketing materials.

#### Proposed

Cost	Description
\$491,463	Salaries and benefits for site coordinators, and overtime for Victim Services Counselors, Crime Intelligence Analysts and APD officers.
\$5,668	Travel costs for grant required trainings and meetings
\$22,300	Supplies (laptop and accessories, PPE)
\$196,000	Subaward for Research Partner – UT RGK School
\$130,953	Professional Services contracts for grant initiatives (yoga, violence prevention, translation, training, outreach and low-barrier employment)
\$133,116	Contract with The Other Ones Foundation (TOOF) for one (1) case manager (\$91,316), one Workforce First Crew (6 individuals) (\$40,950), and one (1) filing cabinet (\$850).
\$20,500	Costs associated with grant initiatives including printed materials and funding for community engagement projects (resource fairs, discussion panels, etc.).

The CBCR program brings together diverse partners including local law enforcement, researchers and residents to analyze crime drivers and pursue strategies that reduce crime, spur revitalization and build community-police collaboration. CBCR efforts are:

**Data-Driven:** CBCR targets crime hot spots – often streets, properties or public spaces in communities that have struggled with crime for years. Researchers are engaged in the day-to-day work, helping partners examine problems, assess evidence-based solutions, and monitor progress.

Community-Oriented: CBCR champions active roles for residents in identifying problems, selecting strategies and creating safe and healthy environments.  
 Spurs Revitalization: CBCR tackles problem properties, unsafe streets and parks, unemployment, transit barriers and service gaps related to crime.  
 Builds Partnerships: CBCR taps the resources of public, nonprofit and community leaders to bring more resources and different approaches to bear on longstanding crime challenges for lasting change

The grant area ("Riverside") is 1.9 miles east to west and 2.2 miles north to south at the widest points. In total, the area encompasses 2.35 square miles, which is less than 1% (.7) of the City's land area. The geographic boundaries are: Parker and Pleasant Vallley to the west; Riverside and Lady Bird Lake to the north; Montopolis and a dry creek bed to the east; and, Oltorf to the south.

Please visit our website for additional detail: [www.RiversideTogetherness.com](http://www.RiversideTogetherness.com). All program documents, including the recently revised implementation plan and budget, are located in the archives section.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Funds are tied to activities outlined in a DOJ-approved implementation plan. Staff is currently revisiting the plan and budget based on the pandemic and recent council direction, and anticipates significant changes. In the coming months, the Riverside community will be invited to participate in the redesign.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources.
Who are the current program partners?
Community members, SAFE Alliance, Austin Community College, University of Texas RGK Center
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
DOJ requires extensive measures for this program. Under the planning phase, metrics include the number of team meetings, baseline crime data and partnership detail. Under the implementation phase, measures are more specific - violent and property crimes for hot spots and comparison sites, partner participation, community engagement (general involvement, events, programming), subaward progress, related outcomes.

## FORENSICS

### City of Austin Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Project

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$241,800 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021

Cost	Description
\$241,800	Professional Services contracts with two (2) vendors to conduct DNA testing and one (1) to conduct technical review services.

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for law enforcement agencies for the costs associated with the forensic analysis of physical evidence in relation to sexual assault of other sex offenses, such as overtime, contractual services, supplies and equipment, and salaries and benefits for workers who screen and/or process SAKs.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Program and budget adjustments that are within the narrow scope may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources to test sex assault evidence.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures will include the number of pieces of evidence tested, the turnaround time of evidence (date of evidence submission to date of results).

### City of Austin Crime Lab Enhancement

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$148,284 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 1/1 – 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$60,284	The overtime and fringe costs for nine (9) laboratory analysts.
\$12,000	Travel costs
\$45,000	Equipment (microscopes and opioid reference materials)
\$27,294	Supplies (laboratory and computer supplies)

The Coverdell program is authorized by Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Part BB, codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10561-10566 (the Coverdell law).

The purpose of this grant is to fund projects that improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science. Specific funding is reserved for projects that support responses to opioid epidemic.

## Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within scope may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources. Within state funding, non-DNA section backlogs will increase and system improvements will be reduced.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of pieces of evidence processed with specialty areas (firearms/toolmarks, biology, trace, seized drugs, toxicology). Non-DNA section casework backlogs negatively impact victims of crime and result in justice system throughput issues.

**PROPERTY CRIME INVESTIGATIONS + EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

**City of Austin Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project**

Grantor: State of Texas, Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

Award: \$414,319 (\$166,601 match)

Performance Period: 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021

Cost	Description
\$379,727	The base salaries of three detectives and an admin support specialist (\$306,068); investigative overtime (\$27,218); temporary support positions (\$46,411)
\$33,592	The fringe costs associated with the funded positions and overtime.
\$1,000	Program training costs.
\$166,601	Match: the base salaries and fringe benefits of existing City positions assigned in part to the project.

State funding (TX DMV). Enforcement, education and awareness to reduce auto theft and burglary, and recover stolen vehicles. Proactive crime analysis assists in identifying problems involving commercial auto thefts and in targeting "theft for profit" offenders. Education efforts are place based, encourage community members to hide belongings and keep vehicles locked at all times. VIN etchings are provided free of charge.

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Funds must remain within the very narrow scope of this program.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources. Without this grant, the City will need to identify funding to cover the five positions (to maintain the current level of services).
Who are the current program partners?
Law enforcement task forces statewide.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of vehicles recovered, number of vehicle theft cases cleared, number of persons arrested for vehicle theft, number of burglary cases cleared, number of persons arrested for burglary, number of groups of offenders identified, number of identified/documented offenders, number of cases where LEO's collaborated with prosecutors, number of bait vehicle deployments, number of times LPR deployed, number of LPR alerts, number of covert operations/general operations, number of agency assists, number of internal contacts, number of external LE contacts, number of cases investigated, number of intelligence meetings attended, number of crime analysis bulletins disseminated, number of 68A inspections, number of vehicles inspected, number of collaborations related to fraud, number of businesses inspected and value of parts recovered, number of "round up" operations,

number of outreaches, number of presentations, number of etching events, number of advertisements, number of report cards issued, number of postings in social media outlets, number of classes, and number of participants.

**Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement**

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award: \$400,000 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022

Cost	Description
\$381,970	Overtime and fringe costs for investigators and crime intelligence analysts
\$2,752	Travel costs for grant required trainings
\$1,278	Supplies: photo cameras
\$12,000	Professional Services Contract for public service announcement and social media campaign
\$2,000	Supplies to support program initiatives (printed materials, CI funds)

This program is designed to build the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems to address intellectual property crime enforcement through increased prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance availability. Funds allow for sworn overtime to enforce criminal violations of intellectual property, specifically matters related to the enforcement of laws protecting copyrights, patents, trademarks, and other forms of intellectual property, and trade secrets, including in particular matters related to combating counterfeit and infringing goods.

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within the narrow scope of this program may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources to support IP enforcement activities.
Who are the current program partners?
Industry (manufacturing/distribution), UL (safety/compliance)
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number and type of enforcement operations, the number and types of items seized, the number of enforcement hours completed, the number of tips received and shared, the number of cases forwarded for prosecution at the state and federal levels. Many types of infringed goods are potentially harmful to the health and property of community members - this program seeks to minimize IP-related impacts.

What additional information was provide to Mayor and Council at the time of award acceptance?

The City of Austin Intellectual Property Enforcement Program addresses the theft of intellectual property in the Austin area. Counterfeiting technology and techniques are increasingly available to criminal elements, many with ties to organized crime. Counterfeiting, financial crimes such as tax evasion and money laundering, and identify theft amount to approximately 6,000 cases each year. Austin Police Department data reflects significant increases in forgery and passing crimes and fraud targeting children and the elderly. The following data outlines IP crimes between 2016 through 2019:

- counterfeiting and forgery offenses remain steady at over 800 annually, reaching a high of 971 in 2019
- financial crimes, including tax evasion and money laundering, amount to over 4,200 offenses annually
- identify theft offenses remain at over 1,000 cases annually
- forgery and passing have increased over 26% – from 564 in 2016 to 713 in 2019
- fraud targeting children and the elderly has at least doubled every year from 0 cases in 2016 to 26 in 2019

The primary goals of the grant program are to focus on and improve justice system investigation, prosecution, prevention, outreach and education as each relate to intellectual property enforcement. APD Organized Crime Division (OCD) supervisors provide daily oversight and project direction<sup>4</sup>, and complete activities in coordination with federal task force partners (Homeland Security), and federal and county officials (prosecutors).

Detectives assigned to IP cases have 15 years of experience in conducting investigative work and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and expertise to conduct the necessary surveillance and enforcement. Detectives receive local training as well as training offered by the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. OCD supervisors review all IP complaints prior to investigative action. Program partners assist with cases in varying capacities, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL)<sup>5</sup> provides tips and guidance while industry experts (trademark holders) assist with ruling out or identifying potentially infringed goods (prior to seizure). All cases require a victim to move forward with a criminal investigation and investigators consult with local prosecutors and the U.S. Attorney's Office (Western District of Texas) prior to initiating arrest or search warrants.

Investigators use state and federal laws and statutes to enforce criminal violations of intellectual property. Affected rights owners play a key role in the prosecution phase,

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<sup>4</sup> A constituent brought to our attention that IP enforcement is not included as a department function on the APD website. This will be added to listing of functions online as soon as possible.

<sup>5</sup> Underwriters Laboratories: the UL mark is an assurance that the product purchased was tested and is safe.



providing testimony and explaining how a product is unauthorized and potentially harmful to a person or property. All grant-funded work focuses on public safety, health and economic factors, refraining from investigation into grey market or “questionable” products. For example, IP detectives have successfully investigated complaints of fake laundry pods, botox, makeup, perfume, sunglasses and explosive battery sales/operations, and have removed harmful product from the open market.

The grant award of \$400,000 under consideration is the fifth award issued by DOJ for the City's IP program.<sup>6</sup> APD anticipates that 100 cases will result from grant-funded activities in the field and internet-based enforcement will generate about 50 cases. The City also expects to see an increased awareness (with hundreds of thousands of Austinites) of IP crimes as a result of the education and outreach campaign.

The two-year budget includes the following anticipated costs:

- Sworn overtime (\$353,264)
- Crime analysis overtime (\$1,560)
- FICA/Medicare (\$27,146)
- Training (\$2,752)
- Supplies (\$1,278)
- Contract for PSAs/local messaging (\$12,000)
- Confidential Funds (\$1,000)
- Printed Materials (\$1,000)

APD will not use grant funds to stifle political speech or circumvent accountability provided by private or public audio files or video footage. Staff will ensure that program efforts minimize harm for all stakeholders. In addition, APD will aim to strengthen collaboration with the community under this program through the education/outreach process. The IP scope of work is limited to the below listed crime types:

- Counterfeiting: possession of counterfeit goods, sale of counterfeit goods, possession of counterfeit prescription drugs, sale of counterfeit prescription drugs
- Trademark violation: unlawful labeling, trademark counterfeiting, failure to disclose origin of recording, copyright infringement, trademark or patent infringement
- Intellectual capital: theft of trade secrets, breach of computer security, identity theft
- Financial crimes: money laundering, tax evasion and tax law violations, investment fraud
- Forgery: tempering with government records, forgery, securing execution of document by deception, fraudulent destruction, removal or concealment of writing
- Other: criminal conspiracy

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<sup>6</sup> The City's IP grant program began with an initial \$200,000 award in 2011. As competitive funding sources are not guaranteed, several years since 2011 were unfunded. The current award (expiring December 31, 2020) is considered low performing due to COVID and staffing challenges.

## PLACE BASED CRIME REDUCTION + EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### City of Austin Project Safe Neighborhoods

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (Fiscal Agent for U.S. Attorney's Office)

Award: \$132,153 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$124,153	Overtime and fringe costs for officers and one (1) crime analyst (\$115,885) and hourly and fringe costs for two (2) videographers.
\$8,000	Professional Services contract for locally hosted training

Project Safe Neighborhoods (block grant) is a nationwide initiative that brings to light the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develops comprehensive solutions to address them through leadership, partnerships, targeted enforcement, prevention and accountability. The City's PSN activities include violent crime investigations (ongoing) and crime prevention (education/awareness) within hot spot areas (disproportionate levels of violent crime and weapons involvement).

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Program and budget revisions that are within scope may be proposed.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources.
Who are the current program partners?
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas, CJD and local stakeholders
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of engagement opportunities, number of law enforcement operations, number of arrests.

## PANDEMIC RESPONSE

### City of Austin Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award: \$885,407 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 1/20/2020 - 1/31/2022

Cost	Description
\$33,214	Overtime and fringe costs for civilian and sworn employees.
\$9,216	Travel costs
\$842,977	Supplies (PPE and sanitizing products)

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding. JAG is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. JAG has a very broad scope of work when it comes to annual direct (formula-based) awards. Other types of JAG funds (authorized by statute for specific programs) are, in turn, limited. The CESF Program is authorized by Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations); 28 U.S.C. 530C. to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

Awarded funds will allow law enforcement to address growing demands placed on public safety and emergency services personnel while providing personal protective equipment to better ensure the health of officers and the community.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes that are within the scope of this program may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other new fund sources.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures will focus on supply purchases and deployment, as well as aggregate performance data that reflects the work of the healthcare provider.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

### City of Austin Justice Assistance Grant (annual, formula based)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Award 1: \$303,904 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$88,719	Travel costs for in and out of state training
\$75,976	Subaward: Travis County
\$48,209	Professional Services Contract locally hosted training
\$91,000	Training registration fees

Award 2: \$322,806 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$79,560	Travel costs for in and out of state training
\$80,702	Subaward: Travis County
\$102,498	Professional Services contracts locally hosted training
\$86,250	Registration fees for training

Award 3: \$322,612 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2022

Cost	Description
\$66,096	Travel costs for training
\$80,653	Subaward: Travis County
\$58,632	Professional Services contracts locally hosted training
\$70,725	Registration fees for trainings
\$46,506	Temporary administrative support to reduce backlogs

Award 4: \$306,603 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2023

Cost	Description
\$112,608	Travel costs for training
\$76,651	Subaward: Travis County
\$92,864	Registration fees for trainings
\$24,480	Annual fee (2 years) for shared Forensic Electronic Medical Records (FEMR) database

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prosecution and court; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; and crime victim and witness initiatives, and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. The formula for the annual local funding allocation is based on reported UCR/NIBRS data and is split with the disparate jurisdiction<sup>7</sup>, Travis County.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Yes, program and budget adjustments that are within JAG purposes areas may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources to cover current costs.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Current measures focus on training: the number of participants, number of hours completed, types and number of certifications.

### **Austin Post-conviction DNA Review and Testing Project**

Grantor: Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (formerly under National Institute of Justice)

Award: \$600,122 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2017 – 9/30/2021

The City of Austin serves fiscal agent for this program with all funds allocated to CAPDS and the Travis County District Attorney's Office. The objectives of this program are to review post-conviction cases – violent felony offenses where actual innocence may be demonstrated – and locate/test related biological evidence.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within scope may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of postconviction cases reviewed (and related data).

<sup>7</sup> We have a local disparity in JAG eligibility. Travis County and the City of Austin are both eligible for direct awards; however, the sum of the award for the City exceeds 400 percent of the County's award amount.

## CORRIDOR SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT WITH EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### City of Austin MCSAP HP-CMV Project

Grantor: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Award: \$554,418 (\$97,832 match)

Performance Period: 8/1/2020 – 9/30/2022

Cost	Description
\$531,692	Overtime and fringe costs for sworn employees
\$7,726	Travel costs
\$15,000	Professional Services contract for educational campaign
\$97,843	Match: partial base salaries of existing City positions partially assigned to the grant and mileage

The purpose of this program is to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) through enforcement and safety activities.

### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within the narrow scope of this program may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources.
Who are the current program partners?
FMCSA, motor carriers, LEA in surrounding jurisdictions
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of CMV inspections, number of truck-related fatalities and serious injuries, number of collisions in workzones and number of social media posts. This program improves safety on Austin's major corridors through visible traffic enforcement and a commercial vehicle safety inspection program.

### City of Austin STEP CMV (commercial motor vehicle)

Grantor: State of Texas, Department of Transportation

Award: \$55,000 (\$13,778 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$55,000	The overtime and fringe benefit costs for sworn employees.
\$13,778.33	Match: partial base salaries of existing City positions partially assigned to the grant

State and federal DOT funding. The goal of this program is to reduce crashes and crash-related injuries and deaths in and across Texas by focusing on impaired driving, occupant protection, hazardous moving violations, distracted driving and speed of commercial motor vehicles.

**City of Austin STEP Comprehensive**

Grantor: State of Texas, Department of Transportation

Award: \$810,000 (\$202,748 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$810,000	The overtime and fringe benefit costs for sworn employees.
\$202,748	Match: partial base salaries of existing City positions partially assigned to the grant, social media posts, and mileage.

State and federal DOT funding. The goal of this program is to reduce crashes and crash-related injuries and deaths in and across Texas by focusing on enforcement of intersection traffic control, impaired driving, occupant protection, distracted driving and speed of individual drivers, especially during holiday periods.

City of Austin STEP IDM (impaired driving mobilization)

Grantor: State of Texas, Department of Transportation

Award: \$63,088 (\$13,088 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$50,000	The overtime and fringe benefit costs of sworn employees.
\$13,088	Match: partial base salaries of existing City positions partially assigned to the grant, mileage and social media posts

The goal of this program is to reduce crashes and crash-related injuries and deaths in and across Texas by focusing on impaired driving. The program provides officer overtime for impaired driving enforcement. Previous years' awards allowed for detective overtime for the operation of the blood search warrant program (now unallowable by grantor).

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?
STEP scopes of work is very limited and few changes are allowable.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under the STEP awards. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources.

## EQUIPMENT FOR REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### City of Austin Special Operations EOD Project

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$76,568 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2019 – 6/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$76,568	Equipment and supplies (bomb disposal tool kits and associated accessories)

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The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office issued a competitive solicitation for JAG pass through funds and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) prioritized proposals based on written information, oral presentations and criminal justice benefit to the region.

The project focuses on APD Bomb Squad activity (deployment, diagnoses of issues and disposal of potentially explosive packages). EOD response callouts and sweeps involve suspicious package identification and rendering safe the many types of devices that could cause loss of life and property damage. Funding will allow for the purchase of Power Hawk Cutters that attach to the EOD unit robots and are used to cut through improvised explosive devices, mainly pipe bombs. The requested disposal technology would allow technicians to render pipe bombs safely and remotely without ever having to approach the suspected device. Procurement is delayed due to the pandemic.

### Q & A

#### Can we change how funds are allocated?

Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Due to the prioritization process (representatives from the 10-county area), funds are expected to remain within scope. Any request for change in scope and/or budget of this project must take into account the competitive nature of the award and the needs of the CAPCOG region.

#### What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?

The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources that could cover these EOD equipment costs.



Who are the current program partners?
CAPCOG regional public safety agencies
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures will include the number of personnel trained to use the equipment, number of training hours, and number of personnel operating the equipment. Bomb squad operations impact hundreds of community members every year.

**City of Austin Rifle Resistant Body Armor**

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$310,000 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021

Cost	Description
\$310,000	Supplies (bullet proof vests)

State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 27 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. The purpose of this grant is to fund law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers with rifle-resistant body armor.

**Q & A**

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Funds must remain within the very narrow scope of this program.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources for these replacement items.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Number of officers outfitted with protective equipment.

**City of Austin Air Support Improvement Project**

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant

Award: \$157,222 (\$0 match)

Performance Period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$157,222	Augmented Reality Mapping System (\$60,000); Power Conditioning Interface Unit (\$13,946); Searchlight (\$65,367); and, accessory items (\$17,909)

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. The JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding

necessary to support a range of program areas including: law enforcement; prosecution and court; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; and crime victim and witness initiatives, and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. The formula for the annual local funding allocation is based on reported UCR data.

The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office issued a competitive solicitation for JAG pass through funds and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) prioritized proposals based on written information, oral presentations and criminal justice benefit to the region.

The APD Air Support Unit responds to a wide variety of calls for emergency service, including missing children, missing elderly and missing or lost hikers. They provide assistance to law enforcement engaged in pursuits and with locating subjects evading on foot, particularly after burglaries have occurred. This unit also provides support to search and rescue operations with fires, flooding and natural disasters. Funding will allow the City to replace the searchlight and mapping system currently used in the primary helicopter.

#### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Due to the prioritization process (representatives from the 10-county area), funds are expected to remain within scope. Any request for change in scope and/or budget of this project must take into account the competitive nature of the award and the needs of the CAPCOG region.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other applicable fund sources. Without funding for improved mapping and lighting (visibility), emergency calls may not receive the highest level of services possible.
Who are the current program partners?
Public safety agencies within the 10-county CAPCOG region.
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures will include the number of personnel trained to use the equipment, number of training hours, and number of personnel operating the equipment. Air support operations impact hundreds of primary and secondary victims locally and regionally every year. The improved mapping system and spotlight will improve public safety outcomes.

## MENTAL HEALTH OF FIRST RESPONDERS

### **City of Austin First Responder Mental Health Resiliency Program**

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$255,979.60 (\$ match)

Performance Period: 1/1/2019 – 3/31/2021

Cost	Description
\$214,139.60	Professional Services Contracts with nineteen (19) local licensed clinicians and one (1) principle investigator.
\$10,000	Travel costs
\$143,766	Match: the base salaries of existing City positions partially assigned to the project

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program provides funding to support victim assistance programs. This VOCA solicitation narrowed the focus of programming to services and assistance for first responders (civilian and sworn) to address direct and indirect trauma that occurs in the course of their normal duties either as the result of the commission of crimes by other persons or in response to an emergency. The City's project is outsourced and includes a principal investigator and multiple contracted clinicians.

### **City of Austin Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Program**

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$122,112 (\$30,528 match)

Performance Period: 1/1/2019 – 3/31/2021

Cost	Description
\$108,006	The base salary of one (1) victim services counselor
\$1,075	Travel costs
\$3,700	Supplies (laptop, reference books, two chairs)
\$30,528	Match: the base salary of an existing City position partially assigned to the project

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program provides funding to support victim assistance programs. This VOCA solicitation narrowed the focus of programming to critical incident stress management for sworn personnel. The City's project funds one victim counselor position (with benefits). The counselor is dedicated to pre- and post-crisis management activities, serving only sworn victims and survivors. Direct service hours, focused on trauma-informed care, include crisis intervention, counseling, personal advocacy, and information and referrals to help sworn victims and survivors recover more quickly and completely from the effects of victimization.

## City of Austin First Responder Mental Health Program

Grantor: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

Award: \$233,824 (\$64,951 match)

Performance Period: 4/1 – 9/30/2021

Cost	Description
\$64,174	Salary and fringe benefits of one (1) victim services counselor
\$169,649	Professional services contracts with four (4) local licensed clinicians
\$64,951	Match: partial base salary of an existing City position partially assigned to the project

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### Q & A

Can we change how funds are allocated?
Budgeted funds may change based on actual costs (versus costs estimated at the time of application). Changes within scope may be requested.
What happens if we lose this grant? Is there an alternative way to fund this program?
The City budget does not include the costs covered under this award. APD is not aware of other fund sources that would allow first responders (sworn and civilian) to receive confidential, direct clinical services (in house or outsourced).
What performance measures apply and how will this program impact our community?
Measures include the number of individuals assessed or screened for needs, number of individuals receiving care, the number of hours of counseling, therapy, or other care performed by a licensed professional. In-house mental health services for sworn personnel promotes a healthy work environment, strengthens organizational resiliency, and ultimately benefits the community.