



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1506, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

8/28/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for development and delivery of a comprehensive, trauma-informed training curriculum for Austin Police Department with End Violence Against Women International, for a term of 25 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$244,000. Funding: \$9,760 is available in the Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$9,760 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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Purchasing Language:

Professional Services.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide development, planning, and delivery of a comprehensive, trauma-informed training curriculum for Austin Police Department (APD) sworn personnel involved in sex crimes investigations. The training scope includes foundational instruction for cadets, advanced training for patrol and field training officers, specialized investigative training for Sex Crimes Unit (SCU) detectives, leadership training for SCU supervisors and command staff, and annual continuing education for both patrol and SCU personnel.

This contract addresses items identified in APD's Collective Sex Crimes Response Model project. These recommendations, developed through the survivor lawsuit settlement and the Police Executive Research Forum, represent some of the most urgent and high-impact needs for improving APD's response to sex crimes.

End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) is a nationally recognized entity able to provide these services based on demonstrated experience and expertise in the investigation and prosecution of adult sexual assault in the United States. This contract builds on prior successful collaborations with EVAWI and leverages their national expertise to ensure the highest standard of training for APD.

Authorization amount is based on departmental estimates and the contractor's proposal.