

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for Fiscal Year 2019

Request: Council authorization to submit application requesting federal funds in the amount of \$57,732 and \$21,000 in state funds, and accept award if offered, from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet under the Violence Against Women Act Program for the continuation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in FY 2019.

Why are you requesting? The Division of Police has prepared an application for submission to the Kentucky Justice Cabinet requesting federal funds in the amount of \$57,732 from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Program for the continuation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) program as a response to sexual assault for women 14 and older. The Division of Police, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the Fayette County Attorney's Office, and the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center have collaborated on the planning and implementation of this project and have agreed to provide a coordinated response to the victims of sexual assault.

This project was begun in 2000 with the creation of a full-time position of S.A.N.E. Project Director as a civilian employee in the Division of Police. Other S.A.N.E.s have been recruited to serve on-call on a contractual basis. S.A.N.E.s are registered nurses with specific credentials for the examination of rape and other sexual assault victims. The University of Kentucky Medical Center provides private examination and waiting space in its Emergency Room. An attending ER physician serves as medical director for the project. The purpose is to provide victims of sexual assault with better examinations for evidence collection and to give greater care to the chain of evidence with the objective of more successful prosecutions for sexual assault. It is anticipated that more humane treatment of the victim at the time of the examination will increase reporting and increase willingness to testify in prosecutions.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? General fund cost for FY 2019 is \$28,150; requested federal funds is \$57,732; and estimated state revenue is \$21,000. Total project costs for a 12-month period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 will be \$106,882. Local match in the amount of \$28,150 is budgeted in the Division of Police's FY 2019 general fund budget. Funds will be used for contractual services, emergency room space, medication costs, cell phones, training and supply and equipment costs. It is projected that during a full project year as many as 130 sexual assault examinations will be conducted. The S.A.N.E. Project Director will perform approximately 25 of these exams in the course of her work. The remaining 105 exams will be performed by S.A.N.E.s working under contract. The



state's Crime Victims Compensation Fund will pay \$200 for each of these exams for total estimated state revenue of \$21,000. The LFUCG pays the nurses at a rate of \$230. The remaining \$30 per exam (\$3,150 total) is included in grant match.

Are the funds budgeted? The grant match in the amount of \$28,105 is budgeted in 1101-505506-5561-78201. Budget amendment #9541 is in process for federal and state revenue.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

