



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: AUGUST 25, 2025**

**SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for Fiscal Year 2026**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit an application requesting \$65,000 of federal funds and \$12,000 of state funds, and to 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 2026. Local match of \$24,667 is budgeted, for a total project cost of \$101,667.

**Purpose of Request:** The Division of Police request to submit a grant application to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet requesting \$65,000 in federal funds 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 victims of sexual assault.

This project began 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. S.A.N.E.s are registered nurses with specific credentials for the examination of rape and other sexual assault victims. Saint Joseph Health System 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. The program also provides assessments and medical guidance for victims of strangulation.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** Cost in FY26 is \$101,667. Federal funds in the amount of \$65,000, \$12,000 in state funds and local match funds of \$24,667 (\$21,667 for federal funds requested match and \$3,000 for state funds requested match) for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.



These funds may be utilized for contractual services, emergency room space, medication, equipment, training and supplies. Future funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?** FY26 budget amendment will be forthcoming. Local match of \$24,667 is budgeted in 1101-505506-5561-78201.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Weathers/Armstrong

