



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

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

DATE: JUNE 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for Fiscal Year 2023

Request: Council authorization to submit an application requesting \$57,756 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 2023.

The Division of Police has prepared an application for submission to the Kentucky Justice Cabinet requesting \$57,756 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 sexual assault for women 14 and older. The Division of Police, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Fayette County Attorney's Office, and Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass have collaborated on the planning and implementation of this project and have agreed to provide a coordinated 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. 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.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? General fund cost for FY 2023 is \$22,252, with match of \$19,252 for federal funds request of \$57,756; and estimated state revenue is \$12,000 with match of \$3,000. Total project cost for a 12-month period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 will be \$92,008. Local match of \$22,252 is budgeted in the Division of Police's FY 2023 general fund budget. Funds will be used for contractual services, emergency room space, medication



costs, cell phones, training, supplies and equipment costs. As many as 130 sexual assault examinations will be conducted during a full project year.

Are the funds budgeted? FY23 budget amendment is in process. Grant match of \$22,252 is budgeted in 1101-505506-5561-78201.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

