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

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

DATE: **August 10, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for Fiscal Year 2027**

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 2027.

The Division of Police will prepare an application for submission to the Kentucky Justice 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? General fund cost for FY 2027 is $24,667 ($21,667 for federal funds request match and $3,000 for state funds request match). Total project cost for January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 will be $101,667.00 ($65,000 federal funds, $12,000 state funds and $24,667 local match funds).

These funds may be utilized for contractual services, emergency room space, medication, equipment, training and supplies. Cost of future budget years are dependent on availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? FY27 budget amendment will be forthcoming. Local match of $24,667 was budgeted from 1101-505506-5561-78201.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong