



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Anthony Mata

**SUBJECT: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE  
RESPONSE AND STRATEGY  
WORKPLAN**

**DATE:** May 17, 2023

Approved

Date: 5/18/2023

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the spending plan revisions to the Gender Based Violence Response and Strategy Workplan as described in this Manager's Budget Addendum.

## **BACKGROUND**

In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, City Council approved the San José Police Department's (SJPD) Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Workplan to address the rise in sexual assault cases in San José and set aside one-time funding in the amount of \$515,000<sup>1</sup>. This funding provided resources to expand sexual assault education, equipment and materials, research, and training, to support joint efforts within Santa Clara County, and to bifurcate the Sexual Assault Investigation Unit (SAIU) and Special Victim's Unit (SVU). Additional funds in the amount of \$175,000 were allocated during the 2019-2020 Annual Report for a total funding commitment of \$690,000<sup>2</sup>.

At their meeting on December 7, 2022, the Rules and Open Government Committee approved a memorandum from Councilmember Arenas directing the City Manager to produce a Manager's Budget Addendum that presents a funding plan to implement the remaining items of the Gender Based Violence Response and Strategy Workplan and determine the spending plan for the remaining funding of the original funding of \$690,000<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> [San Jose Police Department Sexual Assault Work Plan and Associated Priority Appropriation Amendments](#)

<sup>2</sup> [637375855402770000 \(sanjoseca.gov\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [ROGC 22-531 - Memorandum from Arenas \(legistar.com\)](#)

## **ANALYSIS**

The Department reviewed the \$690,000 Spending Plan and available balance to determine how best to spend the remaining funds while keeping within the intended purposes of the overall Gender Based Violence Response and Strategy Workplan. After the initial implementation, a total of approximately \$388,700 has been spent on various projects, work items, education, outreach, and equipment/materials, with \$301,300 remaining.

The proposed changes to the Spending Plan provide equipment and materials for sexual assault investigations, support additional evidence-based research to inform the SJPD's response to sexual assault, provide paid overtime for major case operations, and support education and outreach. These components will allow the Department to increase capacity for sexual assault investigations and survivor support as outlined below.

### **Category 1: Educational Outreach: Original Allocation \$62,000 - Proposed Increase \$88,300**

- Funds in the amount of \$62,000 were allocated and spent for the South Bay Human Trafficking Coalition for advocate response, billboard advertisement, and outreach. Additional funds in the amount of \$88,300 are recommended to advance education and outreach in a broader capacity beyond just Human Trafficking and to include Sexual Assault training, outreach, education, materials, hardware/software, supplies, advertisements, and campaigns for the purposes of benefiting and supporting survivors of sexual assault.

### **Category 2: Equipment/Materials: Original Allocation \$297,000 – No Change in Allocation**

- Funds in the amount of \$180,000 were allocated and fully utilized to purchase equipment including covert vehicles and safety equipment.
- Additional funds in the amount of \$67,000 were allocated for Human Trafficking hardware/software solutions. There is a current balance of \$40,000, which the Department recommends allocating for additional hardware, software, materials, supplies, and equipment to support efforts to combat sexual assault and gender-based violence and investigations of all sexual assault. These funds will allow for the purchase of essential materials, and equipment to support both the Sexual Assault Investigations Unit and the Special Victims Unit.
- Funds in the amount of \$50,000 were allocated for building out cubicles for the newly created SVU. The current remaining balance of \$16,000 is currently in the procurement process. No changes are recommended for this project.

### **Category 3: Research: Original Allocation \$150,000 – Proposed Reallocation of \$150,000**

- Funding in the amount of \$150,000 was allocated for a Sexual Assault Study. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was conducted, with a scope of services to address the relationship to housing stability, access and barriers to childcare, and crimes of opportunity; however, there were no responses. Due to the lack of response, the Department recommends

repurposing the funds on direct public safety activities and to support sexual assault survivors.

The Department recommends reallocating \$75,000 to operational support (category 5) to conduct large scale operations; and \$75,000 to further support survivors of sexual assault through education and outreach (category 1).

**Category 4: Training: Original Allocation \$181,000 – Proposed Reallocation of \$84,300**

- Funding in the amount of \$150,000 was allocated for Trauma Informed Care training. This project has been completed and a balance of \$71,000 remains. The Department proposes to reallocate this remaining balance to operational support (category 5) to provide overtime for SAIU and SVU for both general and large-scale operations with the objective of benefiting survivors of sexual assaults.
- Funding in the amount of \$20,000 was allocated for Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement training. This project was completed and there is a remaining balance is \$13,300. The Department proposes moving these funds to further educate the community and support survivors of Sexual Assault (category 1).
- Funding in the amount of \$11,000 was allocated for child forensic interview training for detectives. The training was presented by the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office at no cost to the City and the full allocation of \$11,000 remains. The Department proposes to continue to allocate these funds for training that will allow new detectives to attend classes that will benefit survivors of sexual assaults.

**Category 5: Operational Support: Original Allocation \$0– Proposed Allocation of \$146,000**

- As of April 26, 2023, there were 57 outstanding felony warrants for offenders of sexual assault crimes, including, but not limited to, 261PC Rape, 288(a) Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child, and 288.7(a) PC Sex with a Child. There are also additional warrants coming in that will be added to the outstanding warrant list on top of the 57. One of the Department’s goals is to apprehend perpetrators of these crimes and bring justice to survivors of sexual assault.

Additionally, the Department is experiencing an increase in Child Protective Service (CPS) referrals to SAIU and currently has a backlog in responding; each referral requires time to review and create a General Offense report. The Department has also completed the submission of 52 Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) kits from the audit backlog of 2016-2018. The kits are currently trickling back in from the 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing laboratory and will need additional investigative follow-up for each case.

While the original spending plan did not allocate funds for operational and investigative support, the Department proposes allocating \$146,000 of the remaining funds for these efforts. These funds will support operational overtime for SAIU and SVU for both general and large-scale operations with the objective of benefiting survivors of sexual assaults.

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The table below summarizes the original plan and the reallocations recommended in this memorandum.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Original Plan</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Revised Allocation</b>
<b>Category 1:</b> Educational Outreach	South Bay Human Trafficking Coalition advocate response, advertisement & outreach	\$ 62,000	0	0
	Sexual Assault Training, Outreach, Education, Materials, Hardware/Software, Supplies, Advertisement, Campaigns	0	0	\$ 88,300
<b>Category 2:</b> Equipment/Materials	Covert Vehicles	\$180,000	0	0
	Human Trafficking hardware/software	\$ 67,000	\$ 40,000	0
	Sexual Assault and Gender Based Violence hardware/software, materials, supplies, equipment	0	0	\$ 40,000
	Cubicle Build Out	\$ 50,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
<b>Category 3:</b> Research	Sexual Assault Study	\$150,000	\$150,000	0
<b>Category 4:</b> Training	Trauma Informed Care	\$150,000	\$ 71,000	0
	Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,300	0
	Child Forensic Interview Training	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	0
	General Officer Training to benefit survivors of sexual assaults	0	0	\$ 11,000
<b>Category 5:</b> Operational Support	Sexual Assault Enforcement (OT) investigative follow-up, and general operations for SAIU and SVU	0	0	\$146,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 690,000</b>	<b>\$301,300</b>	<b>\$301,300</b>

**COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager’s Budget Office.

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