

Highlights

Why We Did This Audit

On March 24, 2022, The City Council passed [Ordinance 220216](#) creating the Community Policing and Prevention Fund (CPPF). The ordinance also directs the City Auditor to schedule and conduct quarterly audits of the Board of Police Commissioners efforts to meet the city's expectations as outlined in the ordinance and report to the Council as soon as practical after the end of each fiscal quarter.

Objective

Did the Police Department spend the Community Policing and Prevention Fund as expected by the City Council during the quarter?

Background

The ordinance establishes the city's expectations regarding the Police Department's expenditure of \$33.36 million in the 12 categories during fiscal year 2023. (See Exhibit 1.)

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PERFORMANCE AUDIT – October 2022

FY 2023 First Quarter: Police Spending from the Community Policing and Prevention Fund

What We Found

The Police Department reported spending about a third of the funds appropriated to the CPPF and allocating these expenditures to eligible spending categories.

For the first quarter, we verified whether officers were assigned as School Resource Officers (SROs), and East Patrol and Metro Patrol Community Action Network (CAN) officers as reported. We plan to verify expenses for selected spending categories in subsequent quarters. Additionally, the department reported spending 100% of the CPPF appropriation for the Special Operations and Traffic divisions in the first quarter. The department also reported allocating costs for 36 new officers to this CPPF category by the end of the first quarter.

We did not request a response from the Police Department because we did not make any recommendations.

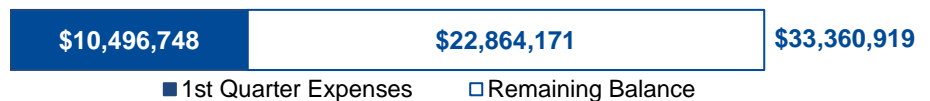


Exhibit 1. CPPF 1st Quarter Expenditures Compared to Appropriation, by Category, FY 22-23

Spending Category	Council Appropriation	1st Quarter Expenses	Percent Spent
(a) Hiring of at least 88 new officers with a focus on diversity recruitment	\$4,000,000	\$349,310	9%
(b) Salary increases	\$5,152,653	\$805,328	16%
(c) Dedicated patrol and community outreach staff	\$4,278,763	\$771,505	18%
(d) Establishment of Community Action Network (CAN) Centers in East Patrol and Metro Patrol	\$400,000	\$48,861	12%
(e) Full-time dedicated Crisis Intervention (CIT) officers	\$550,228	\$142,749	26%
(f) 9-1-1 Call Takers and Communications Unit operations	\$6,570,400	\$1,232,948	19%
(g) Violent Crimes Division victim and witness support services	\$7,000,000	\$3,099,494	44%
(h) Special Operations Division and Traffic Division	\$2,588,875	\$2,588,875	100%
(i) Police Crime Laboratory including DNA Detection Software	\$2,000,000	\$1,113,598	56%
(j) Dedicated School Resource Officers (SRO) for public schools in Kansas City	\$320,000	\$124,122	39%
(k) Enhanced publicly available data reporting in conjunction with Resolution 200575	\$200,000	\$14,526	7%
(l) Enhanced cell phone analytical software and support	\$300,000	\$205,430	69%
Total	\$33,360,919	\$10,496,748	31%

Sources: KCPD Fiscal Division and City Auditor's Office Analysis.



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