

## **Community Investment Budget (CIB): Choose items below and speak to the need for them**

Yes. The new Baseline budget includes significant investment in the Community Investment Budget demands. It is a good start but not enough, given the urgency in this moment.

- We stand together and ask the city to fund ALL these items to the level that will make a difference. The Community Investment Budget is a floor. The City should do even more.
- EMS must be lifted up to a *significantly higher wage* because our medics deserve it, and because this is a primary government service (heat response, Covid response, overdose response, accident response and on and on). Money for this has already been set aside. The CIB demands \$16M to meet the full need.
- Fully funding the rest of the CIB will require the city to identify an estimated additional \$32.5M out of a \$1.3 billion general revenue fund. That is about 2.5% of the total, to appropriately serve those most in need in this city including our own city workers.

### **Living wage for city workers**

Original demand: \$19M to get to a \$22/hour min wage

Baseline budget: \$8.9M to get to \$18/hour plus \$1,500 one time for all staff and 4% across the board for non-sworn staff

Remaining need: \$10M

### **Emergency rental assistance and eviction protection.**

Original demand \$12M

Baseline Budget \$6.7M, remaining need \$5.3M

Detail:

> \$5.0 million in one-time funding dedicated to the housing rental assistance program.

> \$250,000 for emergency rental assistance or relocation assistance for tenants facing displacement.

- > \$250,000 for legal or advocacy assistance for tenants facing eviction, emergency rental assistance, and tenant relocation assistance.
- > \$1.1 million dedicated to case management, financial assistance, and legal services.

### **Emergency freeze and heat sheltering.**

Original demand: \$3M

Baseline budget: \$1.83M, remaining need \$1.17M

- > \$630,000 in partial-year funding for 9 new positions to support resiliency hubs and City efforts to coordinate community mass care and temporary emergency sheltering in the event of a disaster.
- > \$1.2 million to support two additional shelter operations during the cold weather activation period.

### **Park maintenance, facility staffing.**

Original demand: \$5.5M

Baseline budget: uncertain but some new funding including for maintenance and lifeguards.

Remaining need: program staff to fully utilize existing facilities including child and summer youth programming, maintenance.

### **Items NOT funded in the baseline budget.**

Culturally specific services for unhoused Black Austinites \$1.2M

Carver Library \$300K

Workforce development \$2.5M

Harm reduction services \$2M

Parent Support Specialists \$1.5K

Office of Violence Prevention \$500K for violence interrupter program

Resilience hubs \$7.5M

Animal Services to support owner surrender prevention \$300K

SAFE Alliance \$200K