

Summary of Community Investment Budget and Endorsing Groups

The City's budget is a reflection of our values. Austin is a progressive city, but budget processes are by nature conservative. Each budget is built on the prior one, and such a process makes the city resistant to change, regardless of the priorities expressed by voters and those they elect to address the urgent needs of today. **The undersigned organizations jointly** urge the city to continue its commitment to AFSCME (4%) in the baseline and invest in the following priorities in community health, housing, affordability, sustainability and safety for FY24 totaling **\$79.5 million or 5.7%** of this year's roughly \$1.4 billion General Revenue budget.

- Parent Support Specialists [\$2.4M] **ongoing**
- Tenant Relocation Assistance Program [\$1M] **ongoing**
- Emergency Rental Assistance, Eviction Defense, and Tenant Legal and Support Services [\$10M]
- Forensic Nursing, Austin Health Department [\$328K] **ongoing**
- Mental Health 1st Response [\$4M] **ongoing**
- Library books/materials [\$900K]
- Reentry navigators for jobs/housing formerly incarcerated [\$1.4M] **ongoing**
- Workforce Development [\$3.46M]
- Office of Violence Prevention [\$500K]
- Implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan [\$1.335M]
- Improve rebates for residential and commercial landscape conversions [\$400,000, Austin Water Utility Revenue]
- Increase Leak Detection Programs [\$2.28M, Austin Water Utility Revenue]
- Park Maintenance and Safety [\$2M] **ongoing**
- Tenant Education, Stabilization Support, and Community-based Agreement Support [\$300K] ongoing
- Displacement Prevention Navigators [\$1M] **ongoing**
- Fair Housing Education, Support, and Testing [\$350K]
- Emergency Supplemental Assistance for Low Income Residents [\$300K]
- Inclement Weather Response [\$4.5M] **ongoing** Community Crisis Response [\$2.3M] **ongoing**
- Street Outreach Services, Case Managers, and Peer Support Specialists [\$4M]
- Strengthen Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and create a bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) [\$8M]
- Service funding for Permanent Supportive Housing [\$4M]
- Early Childhood Education and Development [\$1.575M] **ongoing**
- Resilience Hubs [\$15M]
- Harm Reduction Services and Infrastructure [\$1M] **ongoing**

- Immigration Legal Services for Low Income Families [\$250K]
- Equity Office [\$800K] ongoing
- Family Stabilization Grant [\$3M] ongoing
- Logistical Support For Austinites Seeking Abortion Care [\$250K] ongoing
- Food Sovereignty and Food Systems-Related Funding [\$850K]
- East Austin Performing Arts Funding [\$850K]
- Austin Community-Owned Food Retail Initiative [\$500K]
- Give the Resilience Office a budget [\$1M] ongoing

TOTAL REQUEST FOR NEW FUNDS: \$79.5M (General Fund)
 \$2,680,000 (AWU)

Endorsing Organizations

**Alliance for Safety and Justice
 American Civil Liberties Union of Texas
 Austin Area Urban League
 Austin Community Law Center
 Austin Justice Coalition
 Austin Mutual Aid
 Austin Urban Technology Movement
 Avow
 Black Lives Veggies
 Black Mamas ATX
 Community Resilience Trust
 Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
 East Austin Conservancy
 Education Austin
 Equity Action
 Fruitful Commons
 Fund Texas Choice
 Go Austin / Vamos Austin
 Grassroots Leadership
 Ground Game Texas**

**Hungry Hill Foundation
 Jane's Due Process
 Lilith Fund
 M.I.S.M.A.
 PODER
 Public Citizen
 Public Safety Commission
 Rewild ATX
 Save Our Springs Alliance
 Sierra Club, Conservation Committee
 Sustainable Food Center
 Texas Center for Justice & Equity
 Texas Civil Rights Project
 Texas Freedom Network & Texas Rising
 Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
 Tomorrow's Promise Foundation
 Undoing White Supremacy Austin
 VOCAL-TX
 The VORTEX
 Workers Defense Project
 Zilker Neighborhood Association**