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] ongoingCommunity 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 Jane's Due Process

American Civil Liberties Union of Tx
Austin Area Urban League
Austin Community Law Center

Lilith Fund
M.I.S.M.A.
PODER

Austin Justice Coalition Public Citizen

Austin Mutual Aid Public Safety Commission

Austin Urban Technology Movement Re-entry Roundtable

Avow Rewild ATX

Black Lives Veggies Save Our Springs Alliance

Black Mamas ATX Sierra Club Austin
Community Resilience Trust Sustainable Food Center

Crime Survivors for Safety and Texas Center for Justice & Equity

Justice Texas Civil Rights Project

East Austin Conservancy Texas Freedom Network/Texas Rising

Education Austin Texas Harm Reduction Alliance

Equity Action The NICE Project

Fruitful Commons Tomorrow's Promise Foundation
Fund Texas Choice Undoing White Supremacy Austin

Go Austin / Vamos Austin VOCAL-TX
Grassroots Leadership The VORTEX

Ground Game Texas Workers Defense Project

Hungry Hill Foundation Zilker Neighborhood Association