

## 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**

