

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health;

CBQ NO.: 38

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REQUEST:

How much funding is budgeted to support harm reduction strategies? Please include the sources of funding.

RESPONSE:

Harm reduction strategies in the proposed FY27 budget are supported through the Opioid Abatement Fund and General Fund-supported social service contracts. Total planned funding for FY27 Harm Reduction Funding: \$2,227,571. Below is the breakdown by sources of funding and individual contracts.

APH Communicable Diseases Unit: Sexual Health Field Operations: \$87,526

- Department of State Health Services Grant Ending the HIV Epidemic: Condoms for Distribution \$14,994
- Department of State Health Services Grant Disease Intervention Specialists/HIV State: Condoms for Distribution \$22,734
- Department of State Health Services Grant HIV Clinical/PrEP: Condoms for Distribution: \$49,798 (funds reallocated for this purchase due to unspent personnel grant costs; original budget was \$7,165)

Opioid Abatement Fund Contracts: \$975,000

Communities for Recovery

- Contract: Opioid Abatement
- Description: Expands recovery supports and services for individuals at risk of overdose in Austin/Travis County, including outreach, stigma reduction, overdose reversal training, and service navigation.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$250,000
- Funding Type: Opioid Abatement

Texas Harm Reduction Alliance

- Contract: Peer Support and Education
- Description: Decreases fatal overdoses by expanding peer recovery coaching staff, including a team lead and reentry outreach worker, increasing access to

overdose prevention supplies, response education, and service navigation for people who are incarcerated or reentering the community.

- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$600,000
- Funding Type: Opioid Abatement

University of Texas PhARM Program

- Contract: Clinician Education to Prevent Opioid-related Harms and Treat Opioid Use Disorder
- Description: Develops and delivers evidence-based training for clinicians on opioid stewardship, opioid use disorder, and harm reduction, including free continuing medical education sessions.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$125,000
- Funding Type: Opioid Abatement Fund

Social Services Grant Agreements: \$1,165,045

Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center

- Contract: Bridge to Recovery
- Description: Provide crisis residential stabilization at Integral Cares Residential and/or Respite programs for eligible persons experiencing homelessness and/or an ongoing SUD crisis. Connect clients to services that are focused on harm reduction and continuous, recovery-oriented support. Assess all clients for Recovery Capital upon completion of an assessment from The Sobering Center and complete a person-centered treatment plan outlining individualized goals.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$182,100
- Funding Type: Social Services

Central Texas Community Health Centers

- Contract: Substance Misuse Street Medicine
- Description: Provides ongoing street outreach, harm reduction, and substance misuse services to individuals in encampments.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$182,000
- Funding Type: Social Services

Communities for Recovery

- Contract: Recovery in Action
- Description: Increases the recovery capital of individuals with substance use disorder by expanding recovery supports and services within the City of Austin, focusing on Hispanic and African American/Black communities, and conducting ongoing outreach, education, stigma reduction, overdose reversal training, and community service navigation.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$135,813
- Funding Type: Social Services

Communities for Recovery

- Contract: Substance Use Disorder Convener
- Description: Establishes and maintains SUD consortium in Travis County, creates a framework for a continuum of services and supports, and distributes an ongoing community SUD plan. Partnership between the City, Travis County, and Community Health.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$102,000
- Funding Type: Social Services

Texas Harm Reduction Alliance

- Contract: Substance Misuse Mobile
- Description: Expands peer-led harm reduction services for people who use drugs in Austin/Travis County, increasing access to recovery coaching, treatment linkage, and housing support for unhoused individuals.
- FY27 Proposed Allocation: \$563,132
- Funding Type: Social Services

