

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment;

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REQUEST:

On page 13 of the Service Enhancements document, \$150,000 of ongoing funding is not included for the expansion of language access services across AACME. Could you detail how this will impact community engagement, outreach, and programming?

RESPONSE:

This enhancement would have allowed Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment (ACME) to expand professional translation and interpretation services. Current delivery of language access services in community engagement, outreach and programming will not be adversely affected.

ACME will continue to provide translation, interpretation, and other language access services using existing divisional and program budgets. These services will continue to be prioritized for critical public-facing information and legally required communications, with Spanish provided at a minimum and additional languages, such as Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, or other threshold languages identified by Austin Communications and Engagement, supported based on program needs, community demand and available resources.

ACME will continue to work with Austin Communications and Engagement to maximize available resources and make every reasonable effort to provide language access services requested by community members in advance.