

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Budget & Organizational Excellence;

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REQUEST:

Please provide a comprehensive list of proposed consultant expenditures in the FY 27 budget by department.

RESPONSE:

The table below summarizes the FY27 Proposed Budget for consultants.

Department	Department Type	FY27 Proposed Budget	What is the budget planned for in FY27?
Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment	General Fund	\$ 150,000	Funding supports cultural programming and special events, including artists, instructors, musicians, workshops, audiovisual services, event production, permits, equipment, and consulting for Sound Ordinance data collection and analysis.
Emergency Medical Services	General Fund	\$ 199,795	Funding supports EMS-specific legal services and consulting to expand telehealth billing services.
Housing	General Fund	\$ 438,172	Third-party consulting services for compliance monitoring, research, data collection, reporting, and the NEXUS Study supporting Council-directed planning and policy initiatives.
Planning	General Fund	\$ 659,000	Funding supports development of district plans, Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) station area and corridor plans, and the North Burnet Gateway Density Bonus calibration to guide future land use, transportation, housing, and community development.

Austin Police	General Fund	\$ 129,561	This funding supports project management and facilitation services for the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM), coordinating implementation of recommendations and improving collaboration between the City, law enforcement, and criminal justice partners to strengthen sex crimes investigations and case processing.
Austin Public Health	General Fund	\$ 148,977	This funding supports specialized consulting and technical services for public health programs, including website maintenance for HealthyPlacesHealthyPeople.org, program evaluation and performance management, Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) activities, educational materials, and development of firearm surrender protocols. It also provides project-specific expertise and technical assistance for operational initiatives that cannot be supported by existing staff due to grant funding restrictions.
	General Fund Total:	\$ 1,725,505	