

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Budget & Organizational Excellence;

CBQ NO.: 109

REQUESTED BY: Mayor Kirk Watson

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REQUEST:

Please indicate where there is overlap between what social services cuts that the City Manager's Office recommended and the cuts that were recommended in the audit from the City Auditor. Please also indicate the social services grants/contracts in which CMO has independently determined performance.

RESPONSE:

Staff does not have access to Auditor data to compare nonprofits assessed in the recent audit against proposed reductions. Upon completion of the rubric and based on responses from council and community engagement, staff determined the five grants in the Community Planning focus area would be eliminated due to that focus area being the lowest priority. Departments were planning to sunset three of those five contracts after FY26. The five Community Planning grants are:

Vendor	Grant/Program	Department	Amount
Catchafire, Inc.	Catchafire Capacity Building for Non-Profits (sunsetting)	Austin Public Health	\$83,700
Austin Community College District	Organizational Development Services (sunsetting)	Austin Public Health	\$47,731
United Way for Greater Austin	Connect2Thrive	Austin Public Health	\$31,500
Austin Independent School District	Software Project ILA	Austin Public Health	\$13,500
Various	Climate Equity Grant Program (sunsetting)	Austin Climate Action and Resilience	\$75,000

Additional determinations on reductions, which in some cases included factors related to performance, were made by departments.