

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Library; Austin Public Health;

CBQ NO.: 132

REQUESTED BY: (District 1) Natasha Harper-Madison

DATE REQUESTED: Monday, August 3, 2026 2:41 PM

DATE POSTED: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

REQUEST:

Please highlight any budget items that may advance the development of community priorities in Colony Park, including a joint APL-APH library and public health facility.

RESPONSE:

The FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget does not include operating or capital funding specifically designated for a joint Austin Public Library (APL) and Austin Public Health (APH) facility in Colony Park.

Austin Public Library will continue serving the Colony Park community through existing systemwide resources, including outreach programming and bookmobile services. These services support current library access in the community but are not funded through a Colony Park-specific budget allocation.

Austin Public Health will continue supporting the Colony Park community through existing mobile and outreach services. These include a monthly mobile food pantry in partnership with the Central Texas Food Bank, monthly mobile WIC services, and mobile sexual health and HIV testing, including Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) services. APH also provides sexually transmitted infection treatment through Disease Investigation and Public Health Follow-up when warranted.

Additional mobile and outreach services may include immunizations, preventive screenings, and healthy living classes focused on healthy eating, tobacco prevention and cessation, physical activity, and diabetes prevention and management. These services are supported through a combination of grant and General Fund resources.

On August 6, 2026, City Council approved an ordinance ordering a General Obligation Bond Election to be held on November 3, 2026, which includes funding for a new Colony Park library facility.