

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

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REQUEST:

Which of the Community Investment Budget coalition's requests are included in the City's base budget proposal?

RESPONSE:

The below pages provide the City's investment in the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget related to each of the Community Investment Budget coalition's requests.

Description from Community Investment Budget Coalition	Request	FY27 Proposed Budget
Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) • We are requesting \$3.5M to allow the trauma recovery center (TRC) to continue serving the community at the appropriate level. • An increase in funding to \$800K would allow ATX Peace and other Community Violence Interventions (CVI) organizations to continue working in the community to prevent violence.	TRC - \$3.5M CVI - \$800K	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Inclement Weather Shelter Model The City should fund an additional \$4.5 million in addition to what is currently allocated for inclement weather shelters.	\$4.5M	The FY27 Proposed Budget includes an additional \$250,000 for Austin Emergency Management to manage citywide cost recovery efforts, including reimbursement activities related to events such as winter storms and the COVID-19 pandemic. However, no additional funding is included for inclement weather shelters.
Re-entry Grant Funding Create a grant program to provide funding for community based organizations delivering reentry services to formerly incarcerated residents.	\$1.5M	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Workforce Development <u>Technology Workforce Access and Placement Grants:</u> Increase grant funding for community-based organizations, training providers, and workforce intermediaries engaged in skills training, job placement, and professional networking that help low-income Austin residents qualify for and secure good-paying technology jobs. (1 million) <u>Youth Mentorship and Career Connection Grants:</u> Increase grant funding for organizations that mentor young Austinites, connect them with working professionals across industries through internships, fellowships, and direct career exposure, and identify and remove barriers to educational and career success. (\$500,000) <u>Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Career Training Grants:</u> Increase grant funding for organizations providing training, certification, placement, and career readiness programs that connect residents to good-paying jobs in advanced manufacturing and technology sectors. (\$500,000)	\$2.0M	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Emergency Rental Assistance Restore funding for the City's I Belong In Austin (IBIA) emergency rental assistance program and maintain direct rental assistance as a core homelessness prevention strategy.	\$4.0M	\$2.25M

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Tenant Education, Stabilization Support, and Community-based Agreement Support Create a new program to provide tenants with education on their rights, assistance with negotiating Tenant Relocation Assistance, including mobile home park redevelopment, and other forms of stabilization support.	\$300K	\$460K - no additional funding
Solar Incentives to Expand Equitable Access to Rooftop Solar Apply existing Austin Energy incentives for rooftop solar to a residential Solar Standard Offer program, which allows for the deployment of rooftop solar without customer/property owner investment.	\$1.0M	Unfunded - Austin Energy is exploring the potential for a program that is based on third-party ownership of solar and batteries focused on CAP and low-income customers.
Austin Economic Development for Early Childhood Education and Development: • \$75K Sustained funding for the Austin/Travis County Family Child Care Educator Network (Austin/Travis County FCCE Network) partnership with HomeGrown to support strategies for home-based child care • \$325K Implementation of a direct assistance program pilot for childcare providers Partner with HomeGrown Thriving Providers Project to address the economic instability of home-based child care providers caused by low wages for their care work and Austin's affordability crisis. ○ Focuses on those providing FFN relative care (family members caring for children to whom they are related) ○ Provides economic support and pathway to become listed providers • \$100K for Program Coordinator role at Austin Economic Development to sustain the City's commitment to home-based child care and to build partnerships to ensure the impactful network implementation already begun is fully realized.	\$500K	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Fully Fund Austin Police Oversight Restore and fund the positions lost in the prior budget cycle to ensure Austin Police Oversight has the staffing capacity necessary to fulfill its mission of independent accountability and public transparency.	\$260K	No additional budget for Austin Police Oversight
Family Stabilization Grant [\$3M] reinstate funding and continuation of existing criteria, including those with families. • Permanent allocation of at least \$1.3 million or more towards Family Stabilization Grants in the budget ○ Ideally, increase to \$3 million increase to \$3 million to meet greater needs and higher cost of living in Austin	\$3M	Unfunded
Restore Austin Public Health funding to Fiscal Year 2025 levels and increase investment for continued immigrant supports: - \$570K legal representation services - \$250K mental health services - \$750K Implementation of climate resilience and disaster preparedness commitments To implement this initiative effectively, we urge funding to support the following positions: • 4 Community Health Worker III positions • 1 Training Specialist Sr position • 1 Emergency Plans Officer Sr position • 1 Public Health Nurse position	\$1.57M	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided

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Community Coalition Crisis Response Program <u>Model Expansion (\$150,000)</u> - This allocation will support a current model review and multi-year expansion to include measurable outcomes and engagement, to include ongoing assessments of access to needs and supplies including basic needs, and the establishment of a mentorship program pairing experienced organizers with newcomers to foster knowledge exchange and capacity building within the community-led response network. <u>Community Collaborative Preparation Efforts, Supply Drives & Meals (\$200,000)</u> - Funding to support community-led efforts in preparing for crises, including: • organizing supply drives for essential items such as blankets, food, water, hygiene products, and other necessities • purchasing preparation supplies for shelter-in-place support, including sleeping bags, tarps, and meals for individuals facing crises or inclement weather conditions • engaging local restaurants & businesses in providing donations & on site support • Expansion of storage of shared supplies <u>Capacity Building for Collaborative Organizations (\$250,000)</u> - Funds dedicated to providing support growth among neighborhood organizations dedicated to providing their neighbors with support during crises, increasing access to food & services. Prioritize organizations with annual budgets of \$250,000 or less. <u>Temporary Shelters & Mobile Services Stations (\$250,000)</u> - Budget for establishing, re-establishing and maintaining temporary and mobile warming/cooling stations and pop up shelters in locations accessible to vulnerable communities, providing a safe haven during crises or inclement weather. This includes support in re-engaging churches & previous safe havens closed due to Covid. <u>Personnel, Training, and Education for Community-Led Shelters (\$150,000)</u> - Allocation for hiring personnel, such as part-time employees (PTEs), and providing training and education for community members involved in operating and managing community-led shelters and warming centers.	\$625K	The FY27 Proposed Budget includes \$672,000 for Austin Emergency Management's Mass Care unit, which supports the Austin Resilience Network (ARN). ARN is a group of interconnected community and public resources that work together to enhance resilience across Austin by equitably empowering our community to prepare for, endure, and bounce back stronger from disasters. ARN currently includes 97 formal partners, including NGO and government agencies, and an additional 64 organizations with whom the Mass Care Team engages. The ARN has been utilized to coordinate disaster response and recovery four times since inception including Winter Storm Enzo (January 2025), Microburst (May 2025), Central Texas Floods (July 2025), and Winter Storm Fern (February 2026). Partners have coordinated through the ARN to support shelter activation, food distribution, clothing donation, debris removal, and other resources as needed.
Survivor Support and Shelter Stability Provide grant funding to stabilize and expand funding for shelters and community-based organizations that provide services to survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and family violence.	\$3M	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Prepared Meals Include funding for prepared meals in the City's safety net funding to address people with disabilities and older adults in order to serve these growing populations.	\$300K	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided

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Austin Public Health - Maternal Health Grants Grant funding to expand access to vital reproductive healthcare through perinatal services and the addition of four full-time doulas to our community.	\$600K	For the FY27 Proposed Budget, the newly developed prioritization framework will guide investments in social service grants, with funding levels to be determined through this process. As this process develops, more detailed information, including planned funding for program area and vendors will be provided
Violet Keepsake Storage Increase funding for the Violet KeepSafe Storage program to expand access to secure storage for people experiencing homelessness.	\$500K	\$500K - Total program budget (no additional funding in FY27 Proposed Budget)
Supportive Services at City-Owned Housing Properties Provide \$1 million in recurring funding for supportive services at City-owned housing properties, including properties such as Spring Terrace and Arbor Terrace, that serve residents exiting homelessness, Permanent Supportive Housing clients connected through Coordinated Entry, and deeply affordable housing residents at risk of homelessness.	\$1M	The FY27 Proposed Budget includes \$13,580,000 for permanent supportive housing.
Cost of Living Adjustment for City Workers Austin cannot provide high-quality public services without retaining the workers who make those services possible. The budget should continue to prioritize cost-of-living adjustments and wage increases for city employees, particularly frontline and lower-paid workers facing rising housing, healthcare, and transportation costs.	\$7M	The FY27 Proposed Budget includes a 3.0% base wage increase for all civilian employees at a City-wide cost of \$35.4 million, including \$7.1 million within the General Fund. In addition to this base wage increase, the City's minimum living wage pay rate is increasing from \$22.05 to \$22.15 per hour, at an additional cost of \$140,000 City-wide, including \$106,000 within the General Fund.
Joint Emergency Communications Department Austin's emergency communications system should be structured around public safety outcomes, not housed within a law enforcement agency by default. Creating a Joint Emergency Communications Department would allow for a more civilian-led, service-oriented model that better aligns dispatch decisions with the full range of emergency responses, including mental health, medical, fire, and non-police interventions.	N/A	Not included