

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Library;

CBQ NO.: 61

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REQUEST:

Could you please detail how homelessness public service funds are used within Austin Public Library (APL)?

RESPONSE:

Homelessness activity is included within the Public Services Program and consists of one unit, Community Services. The activity's FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget totals \$178,245. The Community Services unit employs two full-time Community Services Coordinators who are assigned to priority library locations based on service needs. The coordinators support individuals experiencing homelessness through outreach, referrals to available resources, assistance navigating services, and coordination with City departments and community service providers. Austin Public Library department benefits at scale from Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations' Homeless Encampment Management (HEM) and Street and Community Outreach (SCO) initiatives, which launched on May 11, 2026. These citywide initiatives support outreach and engagement with people experiencing homelessness and encampment management at high-priority library locations.