

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: A New Entry, a local, eastside non-profit organization providing residential substance abuse treatment to individuals experiencing homeless, must secure commitments for \$550,000 by September 7, 2023 in order to secure a matching \$3.5 million award from Travis County to purchase their existing 60-bed treatment center and build an annex with an additional 40 beds. Can the appropriate City departments confirm that because of the type of supportive housing this project will provide, it is ineligible for the traditional sources of housing funds (such as the City's bond-funded programs and LIHTC and other state programs)?

RESPONSE:

A New Entry has proposed residential substance abuse treatment to individuals experiencing homelessness. Because the housing model proposed is not permanent supportive housing (limited tenancy more similar to transitional housing and does not offer a 1-year lease), it is not eligible for funding through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program or General Obligation bond funding.