

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Planning Department

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REQUEST: Please provide a list of the resiliency-related initiatives and programs in the proposed budget with corresponding funding amounts. Please notate which initiatives are new funding.

RESPONSE:

The City of Austin is developing a comprehensive resilience strategy, which is expected to be released in Summer of 2024. In May of 2023, the One Austin: Our Resilience Framework for Action was released. This document provides a high-level summary of Austin's key shocks and stressors and sets a framework for engagement to co-create initiatives and actions that advance resilience in the city as a whole.

The City's initial framework on resilience identifies the three cross-cutting priorities which link all existing and new efforts across the city and impact how we provide services for the benefit of Austinites. This framework of priorities (overarching objectives) and aspirations (entry points for action) will guide the City's work forward as we co-develop robust resilience actions and align on initiatives over the next year.

Cross Cutting Priorities: Advancing Racial Equity, Addressing Climate Change, and Increasing Affordability.

Aspirations: Healthy and Prosperous Austinites, Thriving Neighborhoods, Collaborative Leadership, Vibrant Ecology and Infrastructure

These cross-cutting priorities and aspirations already reflect the work that many departments are undertaking and are evidenced and embedded as key values in the proposed budget with key actions and initiatives that are highlighted throughout.

As the City continues to develop the comprehensive resilience strategy, the Resilience Office will be creating specific criteria and guidance to identify future resilience projects at the department level.