

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Municipal Court

CBQ NO.: 098

REQUESTED BY: Vela

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REQUEST: Does the budget include funding for operations and/or staff to support the expansion of the Downtown Community Court's jurisdiction citywide, as previously approved by Council?

RESPONSE:

The Resolution requested funding be identified to augment DACC's Intensive Case Management capacity by adding two clinical case manager full-time employees and programmatic funding to continue connecting individuals experiencing homelessness to housing. The FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget includes an increase of \$644,550 and two clinical case manager FTEs to bolster the capacity of the Downtown Austin Community Court's intensive case management and rehabilitative services, which support the Resolution.

The Resolution also directed the initiation of City Code amendments related to expanding DACC's jurisdiction. Staff are currently working with Law to draft an ordinance responsive to the direction in the Resolution and have met with Austin Municipal Court to get input on operational implications. It's anticipated that an update will be ready for Council by the end of July 2023.