

**FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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DEPARTMENT(S): Management Services Department, Austin Public Health

CBQ NO.: 027

REQUESTED BY: Vela

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REQUEST: Last year the city set aside funds to improve extreme heat and cold emergency sheltering options for residents without AC/heat and our unsheltered population. Is that money in this budget and at what funding level?

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**RESPONSE:**

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As part of the FY23 budget process, Council increased contract funding by \$1,225,338 to support additional shelter operations during the cold weather activation period. That funding will continue throughout the FY 2023-24 fiscal year.

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The City is continuing funding for an expanded disaster infrastructure. In FY 2022-23 this included six new positions to perform emergency preparedness community outreach, develop the resilience hubs pilot program, and to provide logistical support. The cost for these six positions in FY 2023-24 is \$537,168. It also included approximately \$72,0000 in funding for supplying resilience hubs, such as pods of critical supplies (Mission Ready Packages) to be placed around the city, ready for immediate deployment. These will continue in the FY 2023-24 budget.

The FY 2023-24 budget also sets aside \$6.1 million in the Budget stabilization reserve fund to fund existing budget, that Council took action on 7/20/2023 for generators, to fund with cash in lieu of debt. The generators will provide redundant power at critical locations. Several key sites that have provided sheltering in the past, some of which are also Resilience Hubs, will receive generators so that warming, cooling, or sheltering, as needed, can take place during combined extreme heat/cold power outage events.