

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health

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REQUEST:

- How many Community Health Worker (CHW) positions are grant funded?
 - When will the grant funding for CHW positions end/ expire?
 - What is the plan to convert the current CHW positions to full-time positions?
 - How much further funding would need to be allocated for a full-time APH CHW coordinator position?
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RESPONSE:

Out of 22 total Community Health Workers (CHW) in the department, 18 are grant funded.

The funding source and grant periods are as follows:

Number of CHW's	Funding Source	Funding Period
9	Community Health Workers: Train, Deploy, Engage Grant	08/31/2023-08/30/2024
1	1115 Waiver (DSRIP)	10/11/2012-09/30/2028
5	Reach in Reach Out Grant	06/01/2021-05/24/2024
3	COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant <i>temporary</i>	05/01/2021-06/30/2024
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The general fund currently funds 3 Community Health Worker FTE positions and 1 temporary Community Health Worker. The temporary position funding will expire at the end of the fiscal year. APH does not have funds to convert temporary CHWs to full-time positions.

Reach in Reach Out Grant positions are full-time, grant-funded positions through May 24th of 2024 and then will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through December 2024. Community Health Workers: Train, Deploy, Engage Grant positions are full-time, grant-funded positions through August 30th of 2024 and then will also be funded by ARPA through December 2024.

APH would require \$108,137 to fund a full-time APH CHW coordinator position annually*.

*PH Program Coordinator zone 4 was used to calculate as CHW Coordinator does not exist on the current PayScale.