

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

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DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: In the previous budget cycle there was one-time funding for American Gateways immigrant legal services. Is there \$250,000 allocated again for American Gateways in APH's proposed budget?

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**RESPONSE:**

During the FY23 budget process, \$250,000 in one-time funds were allocated for immigrant legal services that were solicited through a request-for-proposal process. American Gateways was awarded \$70,000 through that solicitation.

For FY24, American Gateways is expected to receive \$420,000. Below are additional details of the programs funded:

Program Name	FY23 Funding	FY24 Proposed budget	Program Summary
Immigrant Legal Services	\$420,000	\$420,000	The goal of the program is to stabilize the immigration status of detained and non-detained immigrants residing in Austin/Travis County or in detention facilities and to keep families together whenever possible, by providing universal representation to eligible Austin/Travis County residents with legal issues.
Legal Pro Se Assistance Program	\$70,000	\$0	The program will provide assistance to low-income individuals who have either no immigration status or unstable immigration status with specific legal needs where there is an upcoming court appearance or deadline and that can be done with pro se legal assistance rather than full legal representation. (1-time funding from Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund)