

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

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DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: The Bridge Child Care Voucher social service contract expires September 30, 2023. Is there \$266,044 allocated again for YWCA-Bridge Child Care Voucher in APH's proposed budget?

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**RESPONSE:**

In FY24, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, a grant received by the Housing and Planning Department, that would have been allocated to the Bridge Child Care Voucher program is being reallocated to the Early Head Start and Teen Parent programs, which are also funded by CDBG. The decision to reallocate Bridge funds to Teen Parent and Early Head Start is in support of the Early Childhood Council's April 2022 recommendation to increase funding for these two programs. The reallocation is also an effort to maintain federal CDBG Public Service childcare funds, which were at risk of loss due to the Bridge program's unexpended funds and significantly low number of clients served.

APH staff are working with the nonprofit providers to minimize the impacts on families that were being served by the Bridge Child Care voucher program.