



Affordability Review Project: Inventory of City Programs and Initiatives

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We found 85 affordability-related programs and initiatives.

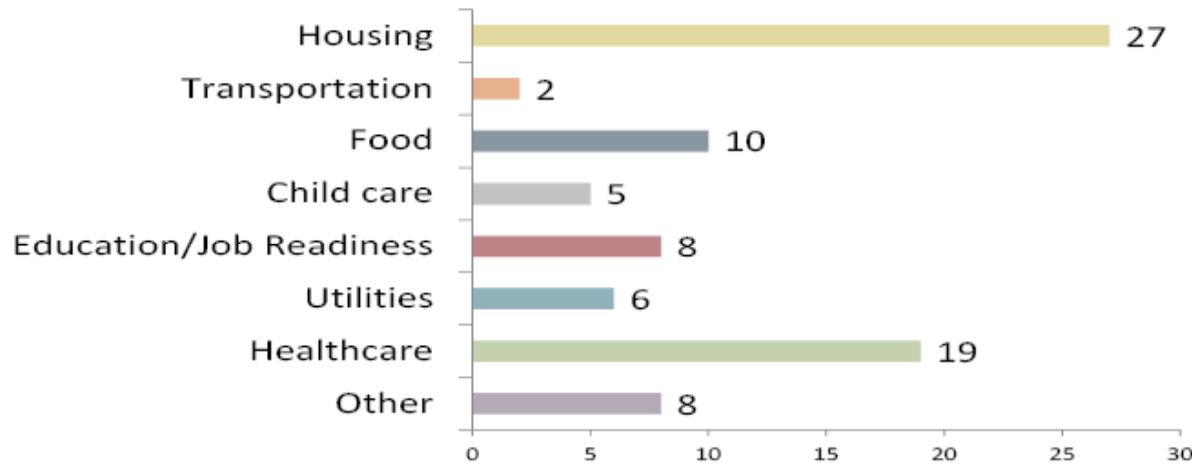


EXHIBIT 1: INVENTORY ITEMS BY COST DRIVER

Five city departments are responsible for **74%** of these programs.

Examples of Programs and Initiatives

Cost Driver	Sample Programs
Housing	Down Payment Assistance Program
	Developer Incentives and Agreements
Transportation	Transportation Services for Senior Citizens
Food	After School Meals
	Fresh Food for Families
Child Care	City/County Child Care Program
Education/Job Readiness	Workforce Development Contracts
	Employment Assistance Centers
Utilities	Customer Assistance Program
	Utility Rebate Programs
Healthcare	Immunization Program
	Community Health Paramedic Program
Other	Downtown Austin Community Court

We noted five themes that may affect the quality and effectiveness of the City's efforts.

1. The City has historically lacked an organizational vision or strategy for making Austin more affordable.
 2. Information on City programs may not be easily accessible.
 3. Available data is inconsistent and may be unreliable or incomplete.
 4. Programs may have unanticipated effects on affordability.
 5. Market forces may counter City affordability efforts.
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Questions?

