Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

Department Review











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City of Austin, TX



Who We Are!

59 FTEs



6 Homebuyer Counselors and Loan Specialists 16 Construction, Financial & Development Experts Real Estate, Planners, Project Coordinators 13 Monitors, Auditors, & Compliance Specialists 11 Customer Service & Outreach Specialists



380
Homebuyer
Counseling
Services Provided
through
HousingSmarts

51

Development
Project and
subrecipient
monitoring events

120

Community outreach and education events

150

Affordable units by density bonus programs (regulatory)

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

21

Down Payment Assistance Services Provided

4,086Affordable units from 2006 and 2013 Bonds

75

Households Assisted with Tenant-based Rental Assistance Services **71**%

of Affordable Units Created or Retained with Two or More Bedrooms **708**

Repair Services
Provided to
Homeowners
During the Fiscal
Year

13 Permanent Supportive

Supportive
Housing (PSH)
Units in Rental
Housing
Developer
Assistance
Funded
Developments

49%

of Beneficiaries
Earning 30%
MFI or Below
were Assisted
by Community
Development
Activities



NHCD-2

How We Operate

Neighborhood Housing & Community Development (NHCD)

Activities/Programs

FY 2017 Operating Budget \$20.3M

Support Services \$5.3M Transfers & Other \$1.6M

Community Dev. \$2.0M

Housing \$11.4M

FY 2017
Capital Budget
Appropriation
\$14.1M

NHCD Community Development Program

Activities:

- Financial Empowerment
- Public Services
- Neighborhood & Community Revitalization
- Renter Assistance Counseling

NHCD Housing Program deployed through AHFC Service Agreement + Housing Assistance Fund

Subrecipient Contracts for Housing Activities:

- Homebuyer Assistance
- Homeowner Assistance
- Housing Developer Assistance
- Renter Assistance

Department Budget Overview

FY 2017 Totals at a Glance...



FY 2017 Positions

General Fund: 26

Grant: 33

FY 2017 Sources

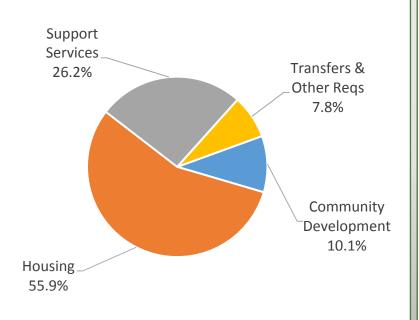
Tax Supported: 31.5%

Grants: 52.7%

Housing Trust Fund: 13.6%

Other: 2.2%

FY 2017 Budget by Program



Major Grants

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$7.1million
- HOME Investment Partnership: \$2.6 million

^{*} Funded through the Housing Assistance Fund, which is not reflected on this page.

Department Budget Overview

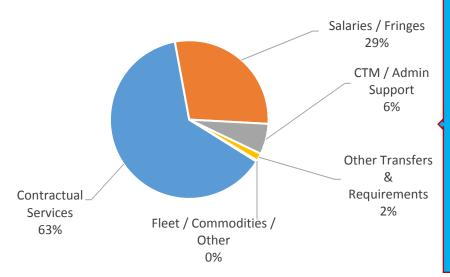
Data and Highlights

Population Served:

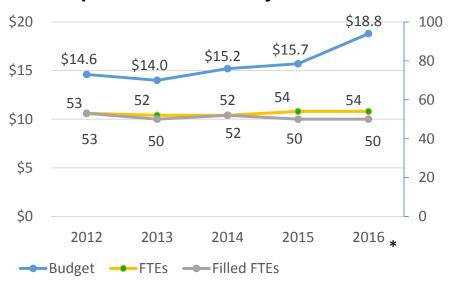
- o First-time Homebuyers (0-80% MFI)
- Low and moderate-income Homeowners and Renters
- Persons Experiencing Homelessness
- Market and Non-profit Developers of Affordable Housing
- o Vulnerable Populations (Children, Seniors, Youth)
- Small Businesses



Expenditure Budget by Category



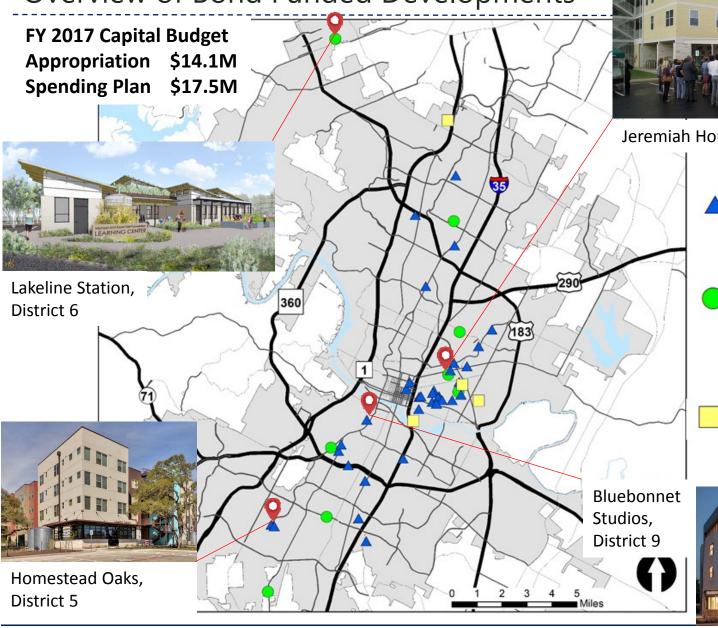
Expense and FTE History: FY 2012-2016



^{*} Beginning in FY 2015-16, NHCD became part of the General Fund and \$1.3 million in administrative cost centers were reallocated to the department from the General Fund level.

Capital Budget

Overview of Bond Funded Developments





Jeremiah Housing, District 3

2006 Bond

Funded

Developments

2013 Bond

FundedDevelopments

2013 Bond
Funded
Developments
Approved in 2017



Factors Impacting Housing Affordability & Investments

Demographic Changes

Changing age distribution: Young Adults (67,000) and Baby Boomers (64,000) 70% of 2000-2012 growth

Reduction in percent of families (32% in 1970, 25% in 2014)

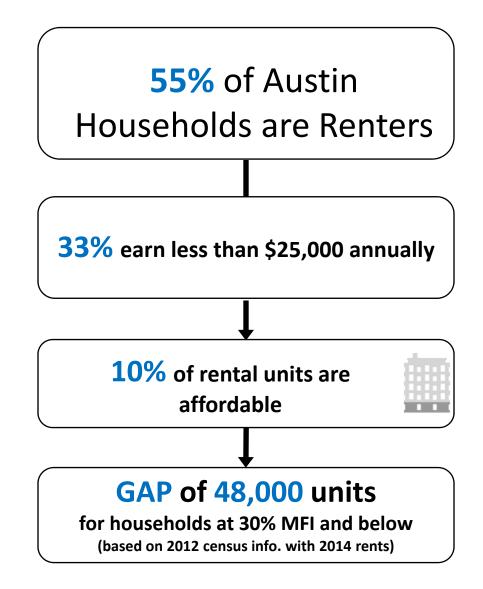
Decreasing middle class

Growth in higher-income households - Renters earning >\$75,000 up 74% from 2007

Growth in poverty (coupled with lack of affordable housing) has increased housing cost burden and rental gap

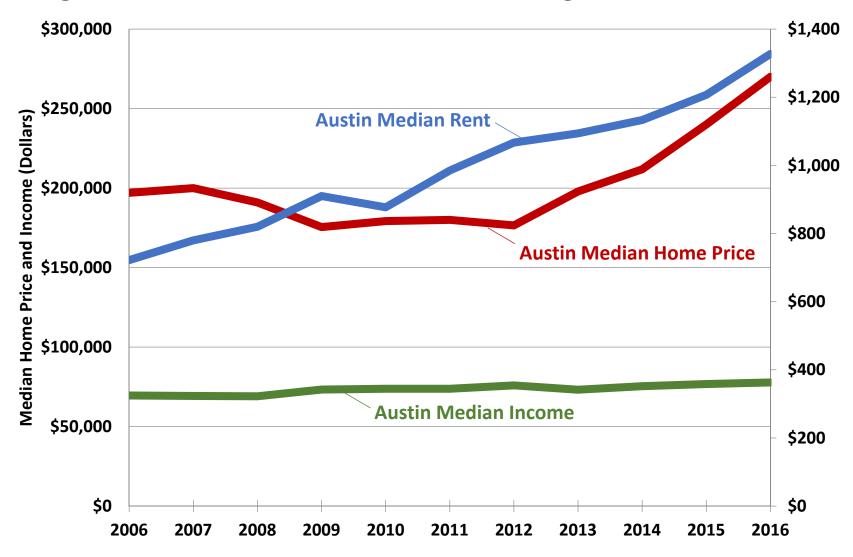
Factors Impacting Housing Affordability

Austin Rental Housing Gap



Factors Impacting Housing Affordability

Wages Flat, Home Prices and Rents Rising Fast



Source: National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB), Austin Opportunity Index, and Austin Investor Interests Data (2006-2016)

Noteworthy Prior Council Actions

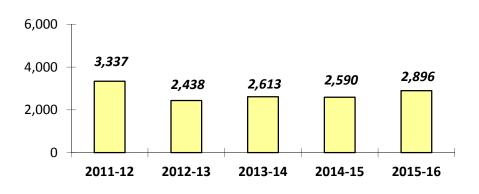
Council Resolutions

Resolution	Description
20161020-027	Research potential funding sources for repairs to manufactured homes
20161013-005	Explore partnership opportunities between the City of Austin, AISD, Travis County for affordable housing and other development projects
20161006-050	Create a Housing Lending Group to develop recommendations to promote ownership opportunities
20160616-035	10-part resolution regarding fair housing and strategies to achieve affordable housing, including direction that new property taxes generated from formerly county-owned and state-owned land should fund the City's Housing Trust Fund
20151217-074	Direction to increase the percentage of tax revenue derived from properties within the desired development zone that were formerly City-owned to be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from 40% to 100%
20151210-030	9-part resolution regarding analysis of CodeNEXT, Affordable Housing options and fair housing choice
20151112-027	Relocation requirements for developments that will result in displacement of tenants
20141002-043	Setting a target of 400 Permanent Supportive Housing Units with 200 dedicated to Housing First model by FY 2018-19
20141016-034	Setting a goal to preserve 20,000 affordable units by FY 2034-35

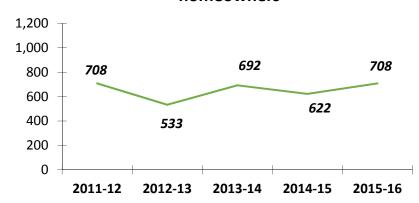
Key Indicators

Trend Overview

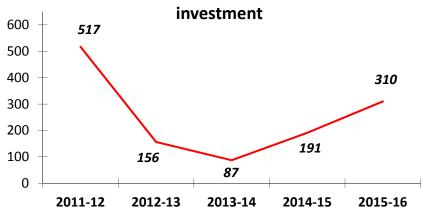
Number of services provided through all housing and community development activities



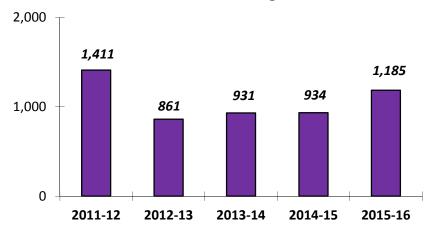
Number of repair services provided to homeowners



Number of affordable rental units newly constructed and/or preserved through capital



Total number of housing related services



Horizon Issues

Fiscal Year 2018

- ➤ Limited funding to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Plan
- ➤ Legislative constraints
 - Limitations on funding sources and tools for affordable housing, including limits on rent control and fees for affordable housing
- > Investment in technology for enhanced services

Discussion Topics

- Evaluation and/or transition of activities that are not mission critical to NHCD
 - Small Business Development
 - Public Services (Child Care Services, Youth Services, and Senior Services)
 - Public Facilities (Parking lots, Connelly-Yerwood Home)
 - Subrecipient Contracts





Questions, Comments, Feedback