



Fiscal Year 2019-20

Addressing Homelessness in Austin

Funding in Brief

- The FY 2019-20 proposed budget makes a historic investment of \$62.7 million in response to the City’s growing homelessness crisis.
- This marks a \$17 million increase from the FY 2018-19 budget and a nearly three-fold increase since the City changed to the 10-1 format for electing council members.
- Funding areas include: \$20.4 million for housing displacement prevention; \$23.9 million for crisis mitigation services to support families and individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness; and \$18.4 million for programs that re-empower families and individuals through safe and sustainable housing solutions.



Housing Displacement Prevention



Programs to keep people at risk of displacement in their homes.

- \$8.3 million for homeowner repair and assistance programs to help people remain safely in their homes
- \$7.1 million for homelessness prevention services such as housing location and placement, case management, and financial and legal assistance
- \$5 million for renter assistance programs such as emergency relocation services for those at risk of displacement



Crisis Mitigation



Programs to meet the basic human needs of families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

- \$16.3 million in support of current and future emergency shelters and related services for individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness
- \$2.3 million for the Homeless Outreach Street Team and \$1.1 million for the Expanded Mobile Crisis Outreach Team, which aim to guide people to appropriate resources before they reach a state of crisis, thereby reducing arrests, emergency room visits, and admissions to emergency psychiatric facilities
- \$1.6 million for mental health and substance use disorder treatment and for recovery support services
- \$1.2 million in support of projects aimed at maintaining public health and hygiene, such as the clean-up of homeless encampments and for the maintenance of portable toilets



Re-Empowerment



Programs to re-empower individuals and families through safe and sustainable housing solutions.

- \$15.4 million in support of the creation, maintenance, and operations of permanent supportive housing, which is deeply affordable housing where persons emerging from homelessness live independently while having access to services across the continuum of care
- \$1.2 million in funding for vouchers so that individuals experiencing homelessness can obtain apartment housing
- \$900,000 in the Downtown Austin Community Court budget to provide case management services
- \$600,000 for contracts with national and local partners to develop new strategies to end homelessness and improve service delivery across the continuum of care