



Reimagining Public Safety

Key Changes in the FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget



\$11.3 million reduction to the Austin Police Department's Forecast Budget

- Eliminated 100 vacant police officer positions from the forecast budget for a total reduction of \$9.2 million
- Delayed the July 2020 cadet class resulting in an estimated \$1.5 million reduction
- Delayed scheduled replacement of duty weapons resulting in a \$400,000 reduction
- Transferred Austin Center for Events staff to the Development Services Department for a reduction of \$200,000

Reallocation of \$11.3 million to fund alternative public safety strategies and public health services

- \$3.0 million to enhance the work of the Office of Police Oversight and the Equity Office, rewrite the Austin Police Department's General Orders, and conduct and implement audits
- \$2.7 million to improve mental health first response by expanding the Integral Care-EMCOT contract for clinical staff and telehealth services, increasing community outreach to underserved communities, and adding 7 new positions to the Community Health Paramedic program
- \$2.3 million reallocation within the Austin Police Department budget to replace the department's 15-year old records management system, which will allow for more-efficient records keeping
- \$1.1 million to increase the capacity of mental health services, family violence programs, and immigrant legal services provided by Austin Public Health
- \$1.0 million transfer to the Housing Trust Fund to support key affordable housing goals, including preserving and creating reasonably priced housing within the city of Austin
- \$900,000 reallocated within the Austin Police Department's budget to fund targeted training related to trauma-informed response, unconscious bias, and racial and cultural sensitivity, as well as training to safely administer Naloxone to someone experiencing a drug overdose
- \$300,000 to support the newly formed Civil Rights Office, which is tasked with enforcement of City ordinances and federal statues prohibiting discrimination

Next steps: Reimagining public safety programs & services

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| • Emergency call center & police dispatch | • Administrative & management services | • Protective services |
| • Forensics lab | • Crisis intervention & mental health response | • Victim services |
| • Vehicle licensing | • Officer wellness | • Officer training |
| • Nuisance abatement | • Internal affairs | • Governance |
| • Park Patrol, Lake Patrol, & Airport Police | | |

