



**HOUSING &  
PLANNING**

# Winter Storm Uri Relief Update

Community Development Commission

June 8, 2021

# Housing and Planning Department

---

- The Department has allocated approximately \$32.4 million in tenant stabilization programs for the current fiscal year, primarily for persons impacted by COVID-19.
- Persons impacted by Winter Storm Uri are eligible to apply for these funds, however, eligibility must be based on demonstrated financial impact by COVID-19 and not Winter Storm Uri

# Content

- Relief Funds and Access
- Eligibility Requirements
- Required Documentation
- Community Partners
- Timeline for Distribution
- Demographics
- Ongoing Challenges to Solve



# Relief Funds and Access

**\$1,000,000 in funding from the Housing and Planning Department**

- Available to low and moderate income households
- Distributed through El Buen Samaritano and other non-profits
- Available in pre-paid credit and debit card format



# Eligibility Requirements

- Households must reside in Austin/Travis County (full jurisdiction)
- Currently renting a housing unit or has a mobile home, homeland lease
- Must have lease documentation (in their name)
- Household income below 80% of Austin Area Median Family Income
- Have experienced a significant short-term housing need related to the impacts of Winter Storm Uri
  - greater than 5 days
  - lack of water, gas, or electricity



# Eligibility Requirements (continued)

**Households must meet one of the following:**

- Experienced or continues to experience significant damage to housing unit (primarily water damage, but it could be other related damage)
- Are ineligible for other forms of significant governmental relief OR are receiving such relief in a limited or delayed manner that does not meet their needs
- Reside in a property with a history of known code violations related to housing and safety



# Required Documentation

## 1. Proof of Identification

Any form of ID with photo and name

- any government issued ID or passport
- school ID
- organization ID
- public assistance card

## 2. Income Eligibility Determination/Documentation

Paystub or other work-related documentation

- employer letter
- tax documentation
- SNAP/SSI or Medicaid benefit card
- self-certification form (60% below AMI)



## Required Documentation (cont.)

3. Copies of first page and signature page of lease documentation or other approved documentation between participant and landlord (sublease; documentation with proof of payment for residence)

4. Self-Certification of Winter Storm Uri related financial hardship – documented in El Buen's Client Data Profile

\*Ensure that requests for documentation of eligibility may not impose an unnecessary burden on those applying for relief services or direct financial assistance and not unnecessarily delay the approval and distribution process.





# Community Partners

List of Partner Organizations that Worked with El Buen to Reach Uri-Affected Families/Individuals Data as of June 8, 2021				
Organization	# of client referrals allotted to partners	# of client referrals submitted by partners	# of clients served to date Uri assistance	# of clients confirmed (have picked up Visa Card)
Communities in Schools	41	41	34	31
Todos Juntos	32	32	24	22
Austin Independent School District Parent Support Specialists	26	26	24	24
Community Coalition for Health (C2H)	40	40	21	18
AVANCE	30	30	30	30
Ten Thousand Fearless First Responders	30	30	12	11
Interfaith	5	5	2	2
Communities of Color United	33	33	27	27
Volunteer Health Clinic	30	30	22	19
Interfaith Soco Episcopal	41	41	27	26
Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA)	4	4	4	3
Community Resilience Trust / Social Good	1	1	1	1
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)	49	49	30	26
Any Baby Can	30	30	27	23
Building and Strengthening Tenant Action Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (Basta/TRLA)	300	300	276	221
Austin Tenants Council (ATC)	85	85	32	27
Go Austin Vamos Austin (GAVA)	11	11	4	4
Vivent Health	21	21	14	12
El Buen Samaritano	91	91	18	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>544</b>



# Project Timeline for Distribution



April 1 – 16

## Preparation Phase

- Contact Partners and begin accepting referrals
- Secure Visa cash cards
- Train El Buen team on the process



April 19 – May 21

## Distribution: Phase 1

- Monday & Tuesday of each week calls to referred clients will take place
- 200 clients will be scheduled each week



May 24 – June 6

## Distribution: Phase 2

- Partners will be updated with referral report.
- El Buen will work with Partners to ensure all referred and eligible clients receive assistance



June 7-15

## Distribution: Last Call

- Any remaining cards will be distributed as needed



June 16-30

## Final Phase

- Distribution is complete
- Last deliverables submitted



All funds allocated by the end of May.

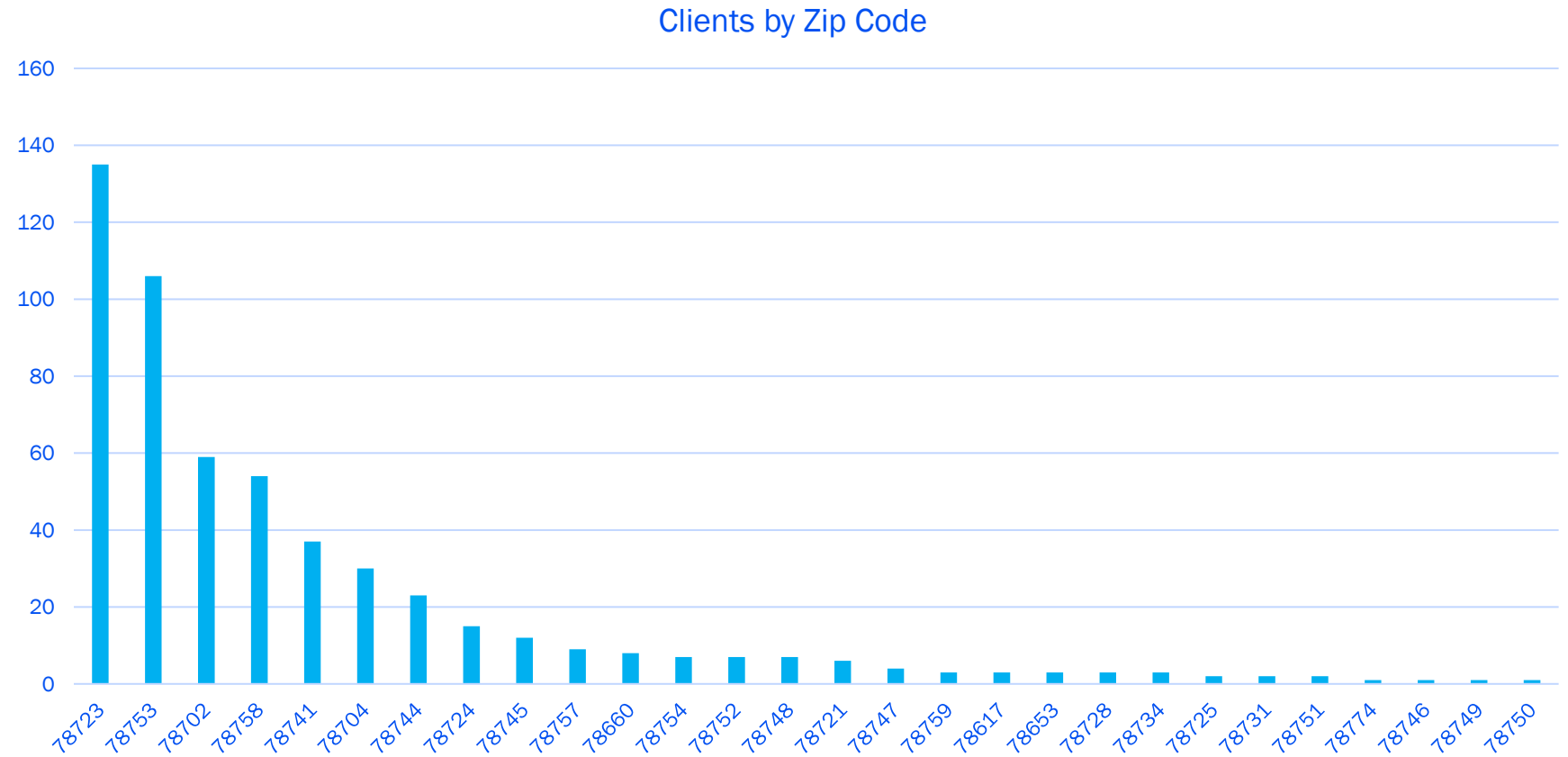


By the end of June all funds distributed.



# Demographics - Assistance by Zip Code

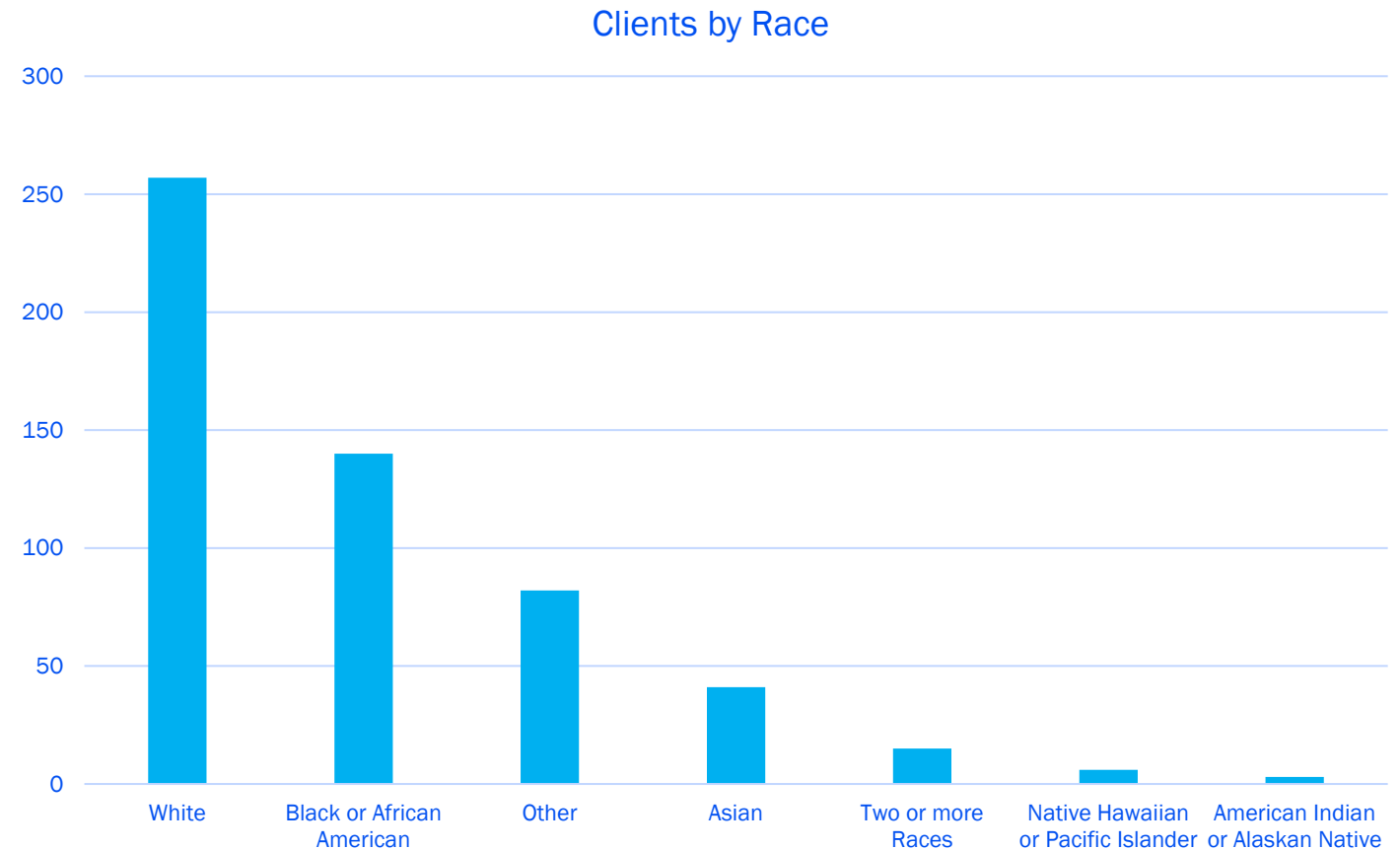
Zip Code	Households
78723	135
78753	106
78702	59
78758	54
78741	37
78704	30
78744	23
78724	15
78745	12
78757	9
78660	8
78754	7
78752	7
78748	7
78721	6
78747	4
78759	3
78617	3
78653	3
78728	3
78734	3
78725	2
78731	2
78751	2
78774	1
78746	1
78749	1
78750	1
TOTAL	544





# Demographics - Race

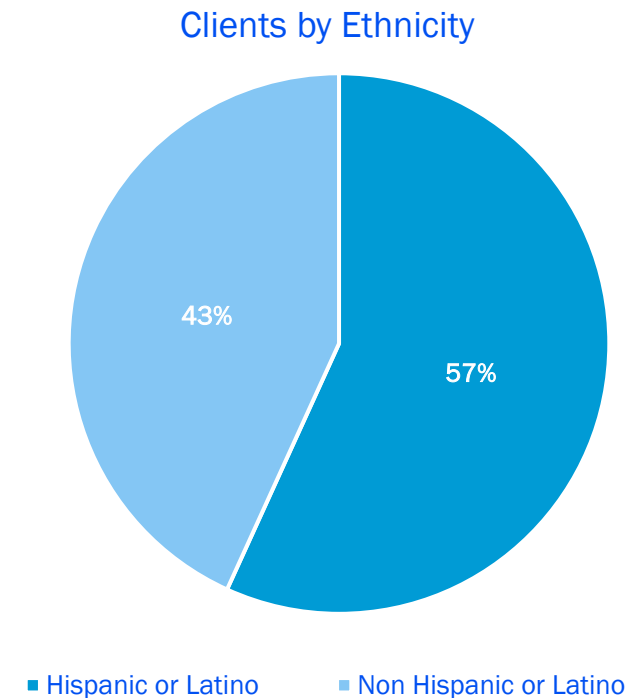
Race	Household Totals
White	257
Black or African American	140
Other	82
Asian	41
Two or more Races	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>544</b>





# Demographics - Ethnicity

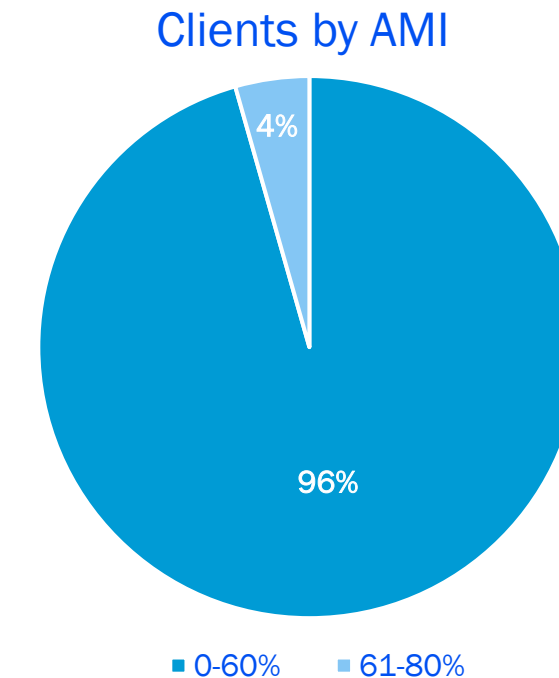
Ethnicity	Household Totals
Hispanic or Latino	309
Non-Hispanic or Latino	235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>544</b>





# Demographics – Austin Area Median Family Income

AMI Percent	Household Totals
0 – 60 %	520
61 – 80 %	24
TOTAL	544





## Ongoing Challenges to Solve:

- Establish a Procurement Process that can be executed within 24 hours in EMERGENCY situations
  - Establish a pre-approved vendor registration for emergency and disaster recovery
  - Be knowledgeable of community resources/assets and trust the competence of community-based organizations; they are often more responsive than government systems and agencies.
-



**HOUSING &  
PLANNING**

# Thank You

Questions?