



FOSTERING A RESILIENT CITY

The City of Austin is committed to supporting a holistically resilient community by investing in programs that respond to the challenges of climate change, address ongoing systemic stressors, and strengthen the City's foundational infrastructure. Below are some highlighted activities from the FY 2021-22 budget that will help ensure our entire community can thrive.

Adapting to a Changing Climate

- \$12.8 million for the Austin Fire Department's wildfire prevention program, including \$100,000 to update emergency evacuation routes and procedures for communities prone to wildfire events and other natural disasters
- \$298.2 million in planned capital spending over five years, in addition to a \$20.7 million operating budget, within the Watershed Protection Department dedicated to developing and implementing flood control solutions and reducing flood hazards
- \$3.2 million in one-time funding for the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps, a program designed to restore landscapes at City parks while providing quality jobs at a living wage to Austin residents economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$2.6 million budget for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, including funding of \$550,000 for a one-time emergency preparedness public awareness campaign, staff evacuations plan, and a post-COVID citywide after-action report

Addressing Chronic Societal and Institutional Inequities

- \$65.2 million in continued funding for the City's response to the homelessness crisis, across thirteen City departments with specific funding allocated for reducing inflow, crisis response, housing stabilization, and public space management*
- \$29.1 million to sustain our commitment to advancing progress within the transformative Reimagining Public Safety (RPS) framework, including the continuation of \$27.2 million of funding approved in FY 2020-21, plus an additional \$1.9 million in one-time funding for public safety reform recommendations brought forward by the RPS Task Force
- \$1.0 million within the Economic Development Department to provide support to creative organizations facing permanent displacement, those previously displaced, or those facing lease renewals at substantially higher rates
- \$2.2 million budget for the Sustainability Office, including funding of \$250,000 to evaluate the capacity for the regional food supply chain to respond to potential disruptions or disasters
- \$2.0 million and 16 positions within the Office of Civil Rights, including three new positions to expand community engagement efforts, implement regulatory and compliance review programs, and improve access to City enforcement services
- \$2.9 million budget for the Equity Office to transform our local city government by informing City policy development to better meet the needs of communities of color and other vulnerable populations

Strengthening Critical Infrastructure

- \$348.6 million in Austin Water's five-year planned capital spending for projects that will improve resiliency in the delivery and treatment of water, addressing the impacts of aging infrastructure, extreme weather events and a growing population
- \$8.3 million in capital investments to address mission-critical infrastructure and deferred facility maintenance, including important City resources sites such as health and recreational facilities
- \$24.4 million within the Watershed Protection Department's operating budget is for stormwater infrastructure and waterway maintenance
- \$22.8 million within Austin Energy to support vegetation management near electric lines, reducing the risk of wildfire and downed limbs during severe storms, ensuring electrical equipment has the space it needs to operate reliably and safely

*On June 10, 2021, Austin City Council passed a spending framework for ARP funds, which includes a one-time \$106.7-million investment in homelessness efforts and infrastructure that are separate from the \$65.2 million dedicated to the City's ongoing effort to end homelessness.