



# City of Austin 2021-22 BUDGET

## Reimagining Public Safety Budget Update

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# FY 2022 Reimagining Public Safety (RPS) Investments

- City renews its commitment to advancing progress within the transformative RPS framework by maintaining \$27.2 million of funding approved in FY 2021 budget
- In addition, the FY 2022 budget includes ongoing and one-time funding of \$9.3 million that funds numerous public safety reform recommendations brought forward by the City-Community RPS Task Force
- Brings total RPS investment in FY 2022 budget to \$36.5 million

# FY 2021-22 Investments

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- \$2.8 million increase to the Housing Trust Fund for anti-displacement initiatives including emergency relocation assistance, the tenant stabilization program, and for projects providing affordable housing
- \$1.5 million to expand the community health worker career ladder initiative, add 9 new community health workers, and increase contracts to community-focused public health organizations
- \$1.1 million to match funding for an ongoing guaranteed income pilot project that is currently being implemented through local organizations and philanthropic partners

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- \$1.0 million increase in funding to the Office of Violence Prevention for violence intervention programs, to develop a community safety grant program, and procure technological infrastructure to assess violence-related data to make informed violence intervention policies
- \$900,000 to expand after-school programs, providing childcare across 6 recreation centers in the city's eastern crescent
- \$769,000 increase in funding to Victim Services to fund two new counselors, expand funding for community emergency financial assistance programs, contract providers for specialized trauma healing, and provide training to counselors

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- \$615,000 to expand the Park Ranger program adding 6 positions to enforce park rules, provide information and assistance to park visitors, and connect people experiencing homelessness to services
- \$520,000 to fund a “Resilient Communities/Resilient Schools” two-year pilot which will fund 4 community school coordinators that will link community partners, local campuses, parents, and grassroots organizations with family resource centers across the city
- \$105,000 to fund a multilingual public education campaign to raise awareness regarding appropriate emergency service use



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