

**RESOLUTION NO. 20220324-061**

**WHEREAS**, Trauma Recovery Centers (TRC) provide free, culturally responsive trauma-informed therapy and case management for survivors of all violent crime, regardless of their involvement with the criminal legal system or their immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the first trauma recovery center model was created in 2001 by the University of California, San Francisco in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco's Department of Public Health, and since then, forty TRC's have been implemented in over eight states; and

**WHEREAS**, TRC's are located in high-crime areas to serve victims that often do not access other services, and they address the needs of survivors who are traditionally underserved, such as people experiencing street violence and gun violence, and people who are homeless, LGBTQ+ survivors, and communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, by using a survivor-centered approach, TRC's play a role as a conduit between someone struggling with trauma and how they navigate justice system processes to receive help, work with the justice system to solve crimes, and reduce community harm; and

**WHEREAS**, TRC's are uniquely situated to serve survivors and families impacted by multiple crimes who have complex trauma and require comprehensive services; and

**WHEREAS**, TRC's provide clinical case management and connect survivors to existing community resources, such as housing and legal advocacy, and assist and support the navigation of the criminal justice system and access to compensation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing trauma-informed clinical therapy to individuals, groups, and families, TRC's are a critical way to end cycles of trauma and improve public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, four out of ten Texans have been a victim of a crime in the past ten years, but among those impacted by violence, less than one in ten received victims' compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, a TRC would enable victims of violence to access help that does not exist in our city, provide a far more cost-effective method as compared to spending more funds on the criminal justice system, and be more likely to address the root causes of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, each hour of TRC-care costs about a third less than usual care, twice as many clients assisted by a TRC used mental health services, and nine out of ten clients felt better emotionally after being served by a TRC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin City-Community Reimagining Public Safety Task Force 2021 Mid-Year Recommendations include the creation of a TRC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan aims to provide access to primary, preventive health, trauma, specialty, and urgent care; and

**WHEREAS**, Council's Strategic Direction 2023, Health and Environment Strategic Outcome, promotes a sustainable environment to live a healthy life, both physically and mentally; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to examine models and examples of TRC's across the country and to provide options and recommendations regarding:

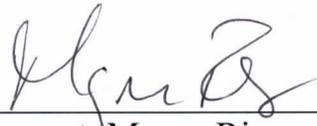
- (1) the feasibility of supporting the operation of a TRC model in the Austin community; and
- (2) funding sources to support the startup costs of a TRC in partnership with external stakeholders and other governmental entities of up to \$500,000 for each of the next two fiscal years; and
- (3) funding models, funding sources, and grant opportunities, including but not limited to hospital systems, foundations, and federal programs that would support the continuation of a TRC; and
- (4) an interlocal collaboration between the City of Austin, Travis and Williamson Counties, local hospitals, and other governmental partners regarding the implementation and site selection of the Trauma Recovery Center; and
- (5) facilitation of a community stakeholder process to provide input and feedback on the implementation of a Trauma Recovery Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to provide Council an update regarding the feasibility of the City's support of the implementation and operation of a TRC in the Austin community, within 60 days of approval of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED:** March 24, 2022

**ATTEST:**

  
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Myrna Rios  
City Clerk