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African American Resource Advisory Commission



City of Austin
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This recommendation looks to further address the mental, physical, and emotional concerns of African American persons and youth who are currently and chronically experiencing homelessness in the Austin area. This need also addresses domestic and sexual assault survivors who are currently experiencing homelessness.	Austin Public Health	Fair housing laws restricts housing focused programs based on race. APH currently funds two SAFE contracts to address those experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault who are currently experiencing homelessness. One SAFE contract is to operate the domestic violence shelter (\$2,000,000). The second SAFE contract is to operate the children's emergency shelter (\$98,033).	link
In 2011 the then City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) received a 3- million-dollar planning grant from the Department of HUD. The Colony Park Inc. DBA, the Colony Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) met every Tuesday of the month from 2011 through 2014 to develop the Colony Park Sustainable Communities Plan (The Colony Park Master Plan).	Economic Development Department	City staff is developing a comprehensive public finance plan for the Colony Park Sustainable Community. Three public finance categories are currently under analysis for consideration, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Public Improvement District (PID), and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). CIP projects include street, water, wastewater, stormwater, parks, trails, and related infrastructure. On March 24, 2022, council approved Resolution #20220324-056, affirming that the Colony Park Sustainable Community is a top priority, and directing the City Manager to, using all resources that may be necessary, bring the public finance plan and funding strategy recommendations to Council for consideration no later than the end of the 2022 calendar year.	link
This recommendation requests an on-going budget line item that provides funding and resources to intentionally commit the City of Austin to regularly scheduled quality of life surveys and reporting for all Quality of Life Commissions	Management Services	The Equity Office supports the recommendation and recognizes the need for updated quality of life studies. The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$1.25 million one-time funding to update Quality of Life studies.	link

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<p>This recommendation looks to ensure equitable resource and opportunities are available to African Americans in the City of Austin where persons can increase their education and earning potential through programs in Technology Healthcare and STEM.</p>	<p>Economic Development Department</p>	<p>EDD is in the process of soliciting \$6.1M in contracts for workforce development and occupational training in the City's key industries of Healthcare, IT, Skilled Trades, and Advanced Manufacturing. The RFP states that contractors shall utilize a portion of funds to field targeted outreach and public information and awareness campaigns about training opportunities. These contractors shall also utilize funding to provide wraparound services to participants, including case management. Additionally, the FY 2022-23 budget includes one new position to support this recommendation.</p> <p>Two of the contractors listed, have agreements with the City which provide community benefit. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce contract is \$230,797.00. The partnership creates jobs, increase the city's tax base, diversify and strengthen the local economy by developing Austin's existing businesses and by recruiting outside businesses to relocate to or expand their business in Austin. The contract also includes training, education and networking for small businesses. There are two contracts with the Austin Revitalization Authority \$50,000 for Navigators, and \$7,100 Cultural Funding. The Navigator program provides support local businesses, non-profit organizations, and creative professionals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this initiative, local entities can register for critical assistance like one-on-one coaching, business classes, technical support, and application assistance for grants and resources.</p>	<p>link</p>

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Budget Equity means that the City of Austin's policymaking, service delivery, and distribution of resources account for the different histories, challenges, and needs of the residents. In Austin Racial equity means eliminating racial disparities so that race can no longer be used to predict success and increasing the success of all communities.	Management Services	The Equity Office has been supporting and coordinating a cross-Commission budget working group since 2018 as part of City Council directive. The goal of this working group was to support the Commissions in building relationships with departments and submitting recommendations earlier in the process. As part of this, the directive was also given that we would move in a "buckets not vendors" direction, as previous vendor-specific Commission recommendations had resulted in organizations represented on the Commissions receiving the majority of the funding. The implementation of this recommendation would require dedicated staffing and an office, as shepherding \$24 Million in procurement would require a procurement team and the Equity Office does not have this administrative capacity.	link
The George Washington Carver Library Museum and Heritage Center continues to be historically underfunded when compared to the Asian American resource Center (AARC) (\$100K to \$200K less) and the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) (~\$400K less).	Parks and Recreation Department	FY 2022-23 Parks and Recreation capital budget has \$2.2 million in planned capital spending to support improvements at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center.	link

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This recommendation continues to look for dedicated funding and the necessary resources for this department to continue its work in the community. It currently receives no funding from the Austin Police Department or the City of Austin, and survives only through the generous donations of individuals, organizations and the staff who administer the programs.	Austin Police Department	The Austin Police Department currently utilizes community partnerships and donations to support this recommendation. Specifically, this recommendation is describing a free four week summer youth camp that depends on donations for recreational supplies and snacks for the children. The APD Youth Summer Camp partners with AISD so that school aged children experience activities, such as, bowling, swimming, volleyball and dodge ball and immerse themselves in the study of subjects such as art, history, social justice, the environment, leadership, decision making and time & money management. A dedicated budget would ensure the program continues without the expectation of donations.	link

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Arts Commission



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Recommendation to approve two Full Time Employees (FTE) for the Economic Development and the Cultural Arts Division in the FY23 budget	Economic Development Department	The FY 2022-23 budget includes one new position to support this recommendation.	link

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Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission



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The AAQoL Advisory Commission would like to recommend that the City increase funding for community health navigator (CHN) services. One-time CDC funding through Texas A&M University has allowed the City's current service provider to hire three additional CHNs focused on COVID-19 outreach	Austin Public Health	Social Services Units in HECE division has \$450,000 in one-time funding for Community Health Workers (not specifically for API community) that will be contracted out for 2 years with no renewals in FY 2021-22. There is no ongoing funding for this in social services.	link
The AAQoL Advisory Commission would like to recommend that the City increase funding for immigrant legal services. Funding is needed to provide dedicated immigrant legal services to low-income Asian immigrants and others in Austin to address the large number of individuals seeking services for deportation defense and consultations.	Austin Public Health	APH does not have any immigrant legal services specifically serving the Asian population, however, APH funds two agreement for immigration legal services. They are - Catholic Charities for \$209,858 and American Gateway for \$420,000. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds. The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$250,000 one-time funding to support this recommendation.	link
The Commission would like to request continued or increased funding of existing Asian Pacific Islander (API) focused mental health services at \$100,000 annually through APH's Health Equity contracting portfolio	Austin Public Health	APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community. This funding was determined through a competition process in 2020.	link

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The AAQoL Advisory Commission recommends ongoing funding that enables nonprofits to continue to provide services and other resources to underserved individuals and families, particularly Asians and Immigrants hindered by language and cultural barriers.	Austin Public Health	APH was able to identify \$200,000 in Family/DV Services one-time funding in FY 2021-22. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link
The group members and Chair Castillo have identified a need and opportunity for the Economic Development Department's Cultural Arts Division to have a full-time employee specifically dedicated to Community Engagement & Outreach.	Economic Development Department	<p>In response to the commission's requests over the last few years, and the department's capacity needs, EDD reorganized support roles. To provide coordinated communications for the department, in FY 2020-21 EDD centralized communications staff under the Public Information and Marketing Program and in FY 2021-22 a dedicated public information unit was created.</p> <p>Additionally, the FY 2022-23 budget includes one new position to support this recommendation. The new position will support outreach efforts with creatives, artists, musicians and nonprofits, and the support of property repositioning efforts in EDD's current portfolio of properties.</p>	link

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This recommendation would fund the installation of room dividers in the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Ballroom. This item is supported by the original Phase 1 Facility Master Plan to accommodate increased demand for mid-sized meeting space.	Parks Recreation Department	The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$200,000 one-time funding for this recommendation.	link
The Commission requests consideration of this unmet need for the Asian American community – a full-time administrative assistant at the AARC.	Parks and Recreation Department	1)PARD recommends the addition of one (1) Administrative Assistant position at the AARC to provide consistent and quality customer service to its patrons including senior citizens who access daytime meals and programming. The distance of the facility from the city center makes it difficult to sustain services with the use of Temporary employees. 2) PARD endeavors to complete the hiring of FTE vacancies at the AARC by the new fiscal year.	link

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Councils



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<p>Prioritize programs and projects which serve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with partners to plan and develop high-capacity transit; 2. Attain the 50/50 mode share split set forth in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan; 3. Realize Vision Zero and other safety efforts, specifically by prioritizing safe crosswalks, bus stops, protected bicycle lanes, and sidewalks, and automobile speed reduction throughout the City; 4. Reach the climate goals set forth in the Austin Climate Equity Plan; 5. Actively mitigate and address equity concerns caused by decades of inequitable transportation system planning and development; 6. Appropriately price parking as a tool to encourage alternative modes and avoid subsidizing automobile trips. 	<p>Austin Transportation</p>	<p>The FY 2022-23 budget for Austin Transportation includes continued funding and resources to coordinate high capacity transit. Local Transit Enhancement \$6.7M – Improvements to transit speed, reliability, and safety, ranging from designing better bus stops to installing transit priority lanes. Transit Signal Priority and Signal Cabinet Security \$1.6M – Installation of special traffic signals that give bus operators a head start on other traffic, helping them more easily merge, turn, or travel through intersections</p>	<p>link</p>

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Fund initiatives in support of homeless women and girls.	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds a total of \$37,943,137 in homeless services which includes services for women and children. Specifically, the following homeless programs focus on Women, children and families. The SAFE Alliance Children's Shelter (\$98,033), The SAFE Alliance Family Domestic Violence Shelter (2,000,000), The SAFE Alliance Victim Services programs (\$932,495), Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter (\$1,939,765), Lifeworks youth rapid rehousing services (\$284,125), Foundation Communities Family Rehousing Initiative (\$264,519), Vincare St Louise House (\$101,146), Lifeworks Collective Impact Continuum program (\$333,721) and Lifeworks Youth set aside (shelter) program (\$162,880).	link
Fund APH to distribute menstrual hygiene supplies	Austin Public Health Austin Public Library Parks and Recreation	Austin Public Health, Austin Public Library, and Austin Parks and Recreation Department has identified funding to support this recommendation. Implementation of the program will continue into FY 2022-23.	link
Fund Mental Health needs of women and girls	Austin Public Health	APH currently has an agreement with OutYouth for mental health services for LGBTQIA Youth. APH recently conducted an LGBTQ2IA+ Community Health Needs Assessment which included funding and promoting accessible mental healthcare resources as a key recommendation. APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community.	link

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Fund a variety of initiatives regarding public safety related to women and girls	Austin Police Department	<p>SAKI SAFE and Travis County confirmed that they do not have FY23 funding for the four full-time positions that remain unfunded. The two SAFE non-system advocates, the Eloise House admin, and the DA's victim navigator provide core services that improve the health and outcomes of sexual assault survivors and their families. We believe this position would be most effective under the City's OVP if funding is available. Local data speaks to the ongoing need for direct services and unfortunately, APD does not anticipate significant violent crime reductions in the near term. Continuing these positions would truly benefit our growing community and APD is happy to speak in support of the request for FY23 funds.</p> <p>RPS The department highly recommends continuation funds that will allow successful programming to take place in FY24. Knowing the time constraints, obligating FY23 funds toward an FY24 performance period would be ideal for this vendor pool. In addition, the Department recommends that any continuation funds be passed through APH and that APH make programming decisions in coordination with the SSVVP Workgroup and the Equity Office. APD Victim Services will continue to weigh in as SSVVP partners. Please note that police reports or criminal justice involvement are not currently required to access funds.</p>	link

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Fund initiatives to alleviate the effects of SB8	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds Jane's Due Process \$150,000 annually to provide Abortion Logistical Support services which includes access to transportation, abortion access services and direct assistance. The City of Austin's legal department has determined that the City is not able to pay for legal resources for clients.	link

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Commission on Immigrant Affairs



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Creation of Summer Camps in Spanish or Dual Language	Parks and Recreation	PARD recommends that this recommendation be combined with the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommendation of support for dual language camps. PARD supports the recommendation of funding a new Education Coordinator position to support the MMAC Academia Cuauhtli Program and to expand the dual language summer camps offered at the Mexican American Cultural Center. PARD will need additional resources to fund this position.	link
Fund Refugee Health Screening Clinic	Austin Public Health	APH has no General Fund staff for the Refugee Health Screening Program; APH does not have any grant support for this program either. All Refugee Health program positions are Federally grant-funded. This grant's budget can significantly fluctuate and abruptly change depending on White House strategy on immigration. For example, the federal funding was reduced by 50% during FY19-21 (about \$1,000,000 reduction per FY) compared to FY17. Due to the uncertainty of grant funding, particularly this grant, it is important to move grant funded staff to the general fund. Without additional funding, the capacity to provide refugee clinic services would end.	link
Increase in Legal Services	Austin Public Health	APH funds two agreement for immigration legal services. They are - Catholic Charities for \$209,858 and American Gateway for \$420,000. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link

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The Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommends the expansion of the Immigrant Affairs office, since one person cannot take on everything that is required of this office	Management Services	Additional resources are needed to create an Immigrant Affairs Office.	link

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Commission on Seniors



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Fund an FTE to serve as Community Engagement Specialist to support implementation of the Age Friendly Action Plan, with an emphasis on under-represented and vulnerable older adults.	Austin Public Health	Please note that while not limited to older adults, the Health Equity Unit has staff that conducts outreach in the community.	link
Support continued funding and expansion of funding and scope of Community Health Workers for Older Adults to serve additional participants.	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds Family Eldercare Inc a \$157,750 contract to offer rapid rehousing services to older adults. Additional ongoing resources would be needed to transition the 9 temporary CHWs to permanent positions.	link
Recommended funding for 1) temporary employees to support senior transportation services; 2) ensure funding for an Admin Assistant at each PARD facility; 3) equitable funding for Carver Museum	Parks and Recreation	PARD supports the recommendation to reclassify 13 existing Administrative Associate to full time 40 hour Administrative Assistant positions. This recommendation also includes creating 3 new Full Time 40 hour Administrative Associate Positions. The recommendations will serve as equitable distribution of workload and salaries across the division. The outcome of this funding would ensure an equitable standard of administrative operations for each site that is consistent throughout the Community Recreation Division. Additionally this upgrade should curtail the turnover rate in our administrative positions. With the hourly expansion of the 30 hour positions and the creation of the 3 additional positions, the positions will enhance operations of our growing Varsity Generation programming at each site.	link

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Transition temporary community health worker positions to permanent and allocate two to persons aged 50+ experiencing homelessness; develop a strategy to address the needs of persons aged 50+ experiencing homelessness.	Austin Public Health	Additional ongoing resources would be needed to transition the 9 temporary CHWs to permanent positions.	link
Expand funding for rental and utility assistance for all, including older adults; unlink rental payments for older in subsidized properties from area MFI because fixed incomes do not increase as fast as MF	Housing and Planning	The City has outlined 15 Displacement Prevention Strategies that have been prioritized. Three of those strategies address providing resources and assistance to help stabilize tenants, including: (1) Provide tenant relocation assistance and emergency rental assistance;(2) Engage directly with communities vulnerable to displacement and connect them with services; and (3) Support tenant organizing and engagement and provide legal and other assistance to tenants facing eviction or displacement. At present, the City does not have funding for an ongoing rental assistance program. Limited funds are available through APH's Neighborhood Centers. Regarding decoupling rent from the MFI, rents are determined by the underlying financing structure (e.g., LIHTC, HUD PBRA) and not controlled by the city, except in extremely limited circumstances.	link
Demand for volunteer ride service outstrips capacity. Some of these providers also provide van rides with paid drivers. City funding, such and through social service contracts, would help expand capacity	Austin Public Health	APH does not currently fund any ride-specific contracts, however transportation costs are included in the Foundation Communities Care teams agreement for public transportation passes and rideshares for their Permanent Supportive Housing residents who are aged 55 or older. Their total award is \$125,000 annually and they are currently claiming 8-10% of that for transportation. This is ongoing funding. Additional funding would have to be identified.	link

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\$25,000 is currently allocated for outreach to inform older adults of property tax exemptions. Continuation of this modest funding will help identify older adults who could reduce their property taxes by securing all exemptions to which they are entitled.	Communications and Public Information	The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$25,000 in one-time funding to support this recommendation.	link
Allocate funding to do the first Quality of Life Study of older adults in Austin to better understand the experiences and needs of older adults and to gather data required to update the Age Friendly Action Plan.	Management Services	The Equity Office supports the recommendation and recognizes the need for updated quality of life studies. The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$1.25 million one-time funding to update Quality of Life studies.	link

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Community Development Commission



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The Community Development Commission recommends that the City Manager increase the budgeted amount for economic assistance to renters by at least an additional \$15MM, with suggested allocations of \$5MM to be disbursed through Austin Public Health (APH) Neighborhood Services Unit and \$10MM to be disbursed through Housing and Planning Department (HPD) rental assistance programs.	Housing and Planning	The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$5 million one-time funding for emergency rental assistance to support this recommendation.	link
The Community Development Commission recommends that the City Manager increase the budget to provide an additional 1.5 to 2 FTEs (est. \$150,000 to \$225,000) for the Community Land Trust Program in the Housing and Planning Department. These funds should be allocated from the general revenue and/or from dollars designated for anti-displacement efforts.	Housing and Planning	HPD currently has one FTE (Program Manager I) dedicated to the Community Land Trust program and Long-Term Affordability. As part of the department's Unmet Needs, HPD has identified one additional FTE (Program Specialist) to support the program. It is estimated that this will cost \$75,000 per year from General Fund. In order to support a growing portfolio of CLT and Long Term Affordable Properties, HPD will require additional staff resources.	link
The Community Development Commission recommends that the City Manager ensure availability of budgeted funds in the amount of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) to be expended at the discretion of the Community Development Commission (CDC), within appropriately allocable cost centers, and with applicable staff oversight, for the purposes of strategic planning, team building and board "retreat" or similar activities.	Housing and Planning	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link

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Community Technology Telecommunications Commission



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The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommends that the City contract with Austin Free-Net providing digital literacy training services be increased from \$198,000 annually to \$298,000 annually	Communications and Technology Management	The Community Technology division of the Financial Services Department (TARA Office) currently contracts with Austin Free-Net to provide digital literacy training to the community (among other deliverables). The CTTC recommended an increase of \$100K per year to the contract (current annual amount is \$198K). Our contract authority only allows an increase of \$66K annually. We are in favor of and currently working towards implementing the \$66K increase this year. Further increase would only be possible via Council action, and TARA does not intend on moving ahead with that course of action.	link
The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommends that the City allocate sufficient funds to support a technical intern and an administrative intern to support the Community Technology division of Financial Services Department.	Communications and Technology Management	TARA supports the direction of an internship program supporting refurbishment activities but does not currently have funding to support such a program. The Community PC Program has a target of distributing over 800 devices next year as well as providing more IT support to recipients. Intern support would allow for more efficient processing of refurbished hardware, allow existing staff to focus on program development, and provide for more robust technical support for City computer labs and refurbished device recipients.	link
The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommends that the City allocate \$450,000 to support producer workforce training by Austin Film Society.	Communications and Technology Management	At the time of the recommendation, this contract only had \$400K in secured funding to support the contract for producer workforce development with Austin Film Society. There was no secured funding for the next FY. Since then, the Economic Development Department has confirmed support for the second year of the program at the same level. This leaves a \$50K gap that remains unfunded.	link

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Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board



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The Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board urges City Council to allocate funds and explore all available means to avoid setbacks and instead increase DACC's efforts to address homelessness in Austin.	Downtown Austin Community Court	DACC is serving Austin's most vulnerable citizens and stabilizing their lives to the benefit of the entire Austin community. The Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports the DACC services and the Courts request for resources to continue providing needed services to its clients. The Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board urges City Council to allocate funds and explore all available means to avoid setbacks and instead increase DACC's efforts to address homelessness in Austin.	link

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Early Childhood Council



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The Early Childhood Council recommends that the City of Austin maintain all current investments in early childhood programs and infrastructure including but not limited to: 1) Social Service Contracts; 2) Staffing (2 FTE) positions specifically for early childhood through Austin Public Health; 3) Leases for city-funded early childhood facilities; and 4) Essential infrastructure such as Family Connects and WIC programs that specifically serve families with young children prenatal to age 5	Austin Public Health	APH currently invests \$3,285,203 in early childhood through social services agreements with Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Child Inc., Any Baby Can, and Allison Orr. An additional \$128K of on-going funding is available for PreK classroom start up materials for local school districts. APH funds 2 FTE positions specific to early childhood at \$171K per year. Current funding investments would need to be maintained in order to support these programs. Annual funding for leases (i.e. Operating Expense) for city funded early childhood facilities increased by \$17,544/year from FY21 to FY22 at the Bergstrom Tech child care center. Funding is needed to support increases in OpEx.	link
Maintain all current investments in early childhood programs and infrastructure including but not limited to: social service contracts, staffing, leases for city-funded child care centers, and city programs like WIC and Family Connects.	Austin Public Health	APH currently invests \$3,285,203 in early childhood through social services agreements with Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Child Inc., Any Baby Can, and Allison Orr. An additional \$128K of on-going funding is available for PreK classroom start up materials for local school districts. APH funds 2 FTE positions specific to early childhood at \$171K per year. Current funding investments would need to be maintained in order to support these programs. Annual funding for leases (i.e. Operating Expense) for city funded early childhood facilities increased by \$17,544/year from FY21 to FY22 at the Bergstrom Tech child care center. Funding is needed to support increases in OpEx.	link

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Environmental Commission



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Environmental Commission's recommendation on Development Services Department FY23-27 Financial Forecast	Development Services	Development Services provided a presentation to the Environmental Commission with details regarding the FY 2023-2027 Financial Forecast.	link
Watershed Protection Department Financial Forecast & CIP Plan Recommendation	Watershed Protection	Watershed provided a presentation to the Environmental Commission with details regarding Financial forecast and CIP Plan.	link

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Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission



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Continue and expand funding for rental assistance, including programs like I Belong in Austin. Increase subsidization of on-site affordability to keep people in their homes.	Housing and Planning	The City has outlined 15 Displacement Prevention Strategies that have been prioritized. Three of those strategies address providing resources and assistance to help stabilize tenants, including: (1) Provide tenant relocation assistance and emergency rental assistance;(2) Engage directly with communities vulnerable to displacement and connect them with services; and (3) Support tenant organizing and engagement and provide legal and other assistance to tenants facing eviction or displacement. At present, the City does not have funding for an ongoing rental assistance program. Limited funds are available through APH's Neighborhood Centers. Regarding decoupling rent from the MFI, rents are determined by the underlying financing structure (e.g., LIHTC, HUD PBRA) and not controlled by the city, except in extremely limited circumstances. Additionally, the FY 2022-23 budget includes \$5 million in one-time funding for emergency rental assistance.	link
Renew and increase Austin Public Health's funding for AISD Parent Support Specialists (PSS). AISD relies on PSSs to educate and refer students and their families to City and County resources, and to collaborate with social services community partners to provide support to the families and help to alleviate stressors.	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds AISD Parent Support Specialist at \$1,290,000. If additional resources are provided, additional staffing resources will also be needed.	link

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Increase Austin Public Health's funding for pro bono and low bono immigration legal services. We continue to hear from the community concerns regarding underfunding of immigration legal services. Only a small number of individuals are served with the current funding.	Austin Public Health	APH funds two agreement for immigration legal services. They are - Catholic Charities for \$209,858 and American Gateway for \$420,000. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link
Increase Austin Public Health's funding for mental health services that serve Hispanic/Latino clients. Ensure services are provided in the client's preferred language. Ensure services provided are culturally tailored and that the professionals are culturally competent as well.	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds an ongoing contract with the YWCA in the amount of \$50,000 to offer mental health services to Latinx/Hispanic community in Austin/Travis county area focusing on prevention and healing to alleviate and deter symptoms/behaviors which lead to a mental health crisis. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link
Increase Austin Public Health's funding for two-generation bilingual early childhood programs. Ensure locations like Del Valle have access to programs in their community	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds Any Baby Can Ready Families Collaborative in the amount of \$1,652,316. The contract has one renewal option left through September 30, 2023. Any Baby Can is receiving \$177,083 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for early childhood and family support services through APH, over half of families in the program are bilingual. However, this funding is designated for premium pay/hazardous pay for family support staff and does not include funding to expand services to families. Additional funding would need to be identified.	link

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Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission



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Expand funding for Austin History Center archivists that is specifically earmarked for outreach and creating exhibits. Additionally, expand funding to cover expenses associated with recording oral history.	Austin Public Library	In FY 2021-22, APL provided funding of \$30,000 for Community Archivist activities including \$10,000 each to support Asian Pacific American Programs, Latinx Programs, and African American Programs. This funding will continue in FY 2022-23.	link
Provide a one time budget increase of \$75,000 so that Art in Public Places is able to study the impact of public/community art. Allocate additional resources to update CAMP Report community-created maps and directory of cultural assets across the city, including Thriving in Place, a primer on place-based economic development for cultural spaces	Economic Development	The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$75,000 one-time funding to support this recommendation.	link
Allocate \$300,000 for an updated Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Study. The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission has been strongly advocating for an updated Quality of Life report for some time now. T	Management Services	The Equity Office supports the recommendation and recognizes the need for updated quality of life studies. The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$1.25 million one-time funding to update Quality of Life studies.	link

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Historic Landmark Commission



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
Historic Landmark Commission recommends that the Council allocate funds to the Housing & Planning Department in the amount of \$160,000 for FY2022-23 to implement phase 2 of the Equity-Based Historic Preservation Plan; and allocate an additional \$140,000 annually to fund one permanent staff position in the Historic Preservation Office to manage phase 2 of the preservation plan (expected to conclude summer 2023) and coordinate implementation of the preservation plan after its adoption	Housing and Planning	Since Austin’s current, 40-year-old historic preservation plan was adopted, the city’s population has tripled and a historic district program has been authorized. Historic preservation efforts support Imagine Austin and SD-23 goals to protect places that reflect Austin’s diverse history, and development and update of a citywide historic preservation plan is one of the Code-mandated charges of the Historic Landmark Commission. In the summer of 2021, the Historic Landmark Commission created a 26-member community working group to draft a new preservation plan. This initial phase will conclude over the summer with a draft plan. The HLC budget recommendation is for Phase 2 of this project, involving broad-based community outreach and engagement around the plan’s priorities and recommendations. This work must occur before the plan can be finalized. Funds are needed for a consultant to develop and implement a community engagement plan that prioritizes listening to historically underrepresented communities across the city through a variety of engagement types. Additional Historic Preservation Office staff support is needed to incorporate community feedback into the plan’s recommendations, finalize the plan for adoption by the Historic Landmark Commission and Council, and coordinate implementation of the recommendations going forward.	link

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Human Rights Commission



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
Fund human rights related initiatives	Police, Housing and Planning, Austin Public Health, Library	Recommendations within scope for APH would require new funding and staffing resources	link
Joint Inclusion Committee hosted Budget Engagement Community Forums to receive feedback from the community on budget priorities, and to help ensure and inclusive and transparent budget process that incorporates resident and stakeholder feedback to ensure community priorities are being met	Police, Housing and Planning, Austin Public Health, Economic Development	The Department has met with various commissions after budget adoption. Additional resources would be needed to increase engagement activities on budget priorities.	link
Fund initiatives to support members of the LGBTQIA+ community		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
Human Rights Commission recommends to Council and the City Manager to stand in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community, protect their rights to seek care and feel physically and mentally safe in our community, oppose actions that negatively impact the well-being and rights of LGBTQIA+ youth and their families, and include funding in the FY 2022-2023 budget to demonstrate this commitment.	Austin Public Health	The City supports this recommendation. APH currently has an agreement with OutYouth for mental health services for LGBTQIA Youth - \$100,000. APH recently conducted an LGBTQ2IA+ Community Health Needs Assessment which included funding and promoting accessible mental healthcare resources as a key recommendation. APH will be renewing a contract with OutYouth for \$15,000 for tobacco prevention programming for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults.	link

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The JIC endorsed the Commission on Seniors recommendation to add a position (community engagement specialist) to assist with support for the Age Friendly Austin plan implementation	Austin Public Health	Please note that while not limited to older adults, the Health Equity Unit has staff that conducts outreach in the community.	link
The JIC endorses the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommendation for summer camps in Spanish or dual language summer camps to support AISD's English learner and dual language learner populations	Parks and Recreation	PARD recommends that this recommendation be combined with the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommendation of support for dual language camps. PARD supports the recommendation of funding a new Education Coordinator position to support the MMAC Academia Cuauhtli Program and to expand the dual language summer camps offered at the Mexican American Cultural Center. PARD will need additional resources to fund this position.	link
The JIC endorsed the African American Resource Advisory Commission recommendation asking for equitable funding and completion for the George Washington Carver Library Museum and Heritage Center	Parks and Recreation Department	FY 2022-23 Parks and Recreation capital budget has \$2.2 million in planned capital spending to support improvements at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center.	link
The JIC endorses the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission recommendation for expanded funding for AISD parent support specialist	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds AISD Parent Support Specialist at \$1,290,000. If additional resources are provided, additional staffing resources will also be needed.	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The JIC endorsed the attached resolution from the Hispanic/Latino Resource Advisory Commission to increase APH funding for pro bono and low bono immigration legal services	Austin Public Health	APH funds two agreement for immigration legal services. They are - Catholic Charities for \$209,858 and American Gateway for \$420,000. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link
Expanded funding for two-generation bilingual early childhood programs	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds Any Baby Can Ready Families Collaborative in the amount of \$1,652,316. The contract has one renewal option left through September 30, 2023. Any Baby Can is receiving \$177,083 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for early childhood and family support services through APH, over half of families in the program are bilingual. However, this funding is designated for premium pay/hazardous pay for family support staff and does not include funding to expand services to families. Additional funding would need to be identified.	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the recommendation by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs to provide funding for the Refugee Health Screening Clinic	Austin Public Health	APH has no General Fund staff for the Refugee Health Screening Program; APH does not have any grant support for this program either. All Refugee Health program positions are Federally grant-funded. This grant's budget can significantly fluctuate and abruptly change depending on White House strategy on immigration. For example, the federal funding was reduced by 50% during FY19-21 (about \$1,000,000 reduction per FY) compared to FY17. Due to the uncertainty of grant funding, particularly this grant, it is important to move grant funded staff to the general fund. Without additional funding, the capacity to provide refugee clinic services would end.	link

*responses as of July 20, 2022

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The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the recommendation of the African American Resource Advisory Commission to provide funding for the Austin Police Office of Community Liaison	Police	<p>This recommendation continues to look for dedicated funding and the necessary resources for this department to continue its work in the community. It currently receives no funding from the Austin Police Department or the City of Austin, and survives only through the generous donations of individuals, organizations and the staff who administer the programs. If community policing is a priority for APD, this small financial investment should be an easy way to demonstrate their true concern and intention.</p> <p>This department/program provides a beneficial service to the community and works to strengthen the relationship between the community and the Austin Police Department. During a presentation we learned they only need about \$25,000 annually, which is a minimal request. This request has been made for multiple years and has yet to be realized.</p>	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the recommendation by the African American Resource Advisory Commission regarding funding to assist persons experiencing homelessness.	Austin Public Health	Fair housing laws restricts housing focused programs based on race. APH currently funds two SAFE contracts to address those experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault who are currently experiencing homelessness. One SAFE contract is to operate the domestic violence shelter (\$2,000,000). The second SAFE contract is to operate the children's emergency shelter (\$98,033).	link

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The JIC endorsed the attached resolution from the Asian American QoL Advisory Commission to increase funding for immigrant legal services	Austin Public Health	APH does not have any immigrant legal services specifically serving the Asian population, however, APH funds two agreement for immigration legal services. They are - Catholic Charities for \$209,858 and American Gateway for \$420,000. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds. The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$250,000 one-time funding to support this recommendation.	link
The JIC endorsed the attached recommendation from the Commission on Seniors for increased funding for rental and utility assistance for all, including older adults, and discontinuing basing rental payments for older adults on area median family income	Housing and Planning	The City has outlined 15 Displacement Prevention Strategies that have been prioritized. Three of those strategies address providing resources and assistance to help stabilize tenants, including: (1) Provide tenant relocation assistance and emergency rental assistance;(2) Engage directly with communities vulnerable to displacement and connect them with services; and (3) Support tenant organizing and engagement and provide legal and other assistance to tenants facing eviction or displacement. At present, the City does not have funding for an ongoing rental assistance program. Limited funds are available through APH's Neighborhood Centers. Regarding decoupling rent from the MFI, rents are determined by the underlying financing structure (e.g., LIHTC, HUD PBRA) and not controlled by the city, except in extremely limited circumstances.	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The JIC endorsed the LGBTQ QoL Commission recommendation on maintaining funding for LGBTQ youth mental health	Austin Public Health	APH currently has an agreement with OutYouth for mental health services for LGBTQIA Youth - \$100,000. APH recently conducted an LGBTQ2IA+ Community Health Needs Assessment which included funding and promoting accessible mental healthcare resources as a key recommendation. APH will be renewing a contract with OutYouth for \$15,000 for tobacco prevention programming for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults. APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$ 100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the Asian American Quality of Life Commission's recommendation regarding mental health services.	Austin Public Health	APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community. This funding was determined through a competition process in 2020.	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission's recommendation for mental health supports	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds an ongoing contract with the YWCA in the amount of \$50,000 to offer mental health services to Latinx/Hispanic community in Austin/Travis county area focusing on prevention and healing to alleviate and deter symptoms/behaviors which lead to a mental health crisis. Should additional funding be added for this recommendation, additional staff resources are also needed to solicit and administer any new funds.	link

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The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the budget recommendation of the Commission on Seniors regarding older adults experiencing homelessness	Austin Public Health	Additional ongoing resources would be needed to transition the 9 temporary CHWs to permanent positions.	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the Commission for Women's recommendation regarding mental health	Austin Public Health	APH currently has an agreement with OutYouth for mental health services for LGBTQIA Youth. APH recently conducted an LGBTQ2IA+ Community Health Needs Assessment which included funding and promoting accessible mental healthcare resources as a key recommendation. APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community.	link

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The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the recommendation from the Commission for Women for public safety funding	Austin Police Department	<p>SAKI SAFE and Travis County confirmed that they do not have FY23 funding for the four full-time positions that remain unfunded. The two SAFE non-system advocates, the Eloise House admin, and the DA's victim navigator provide core services that improve the health and outcomes of sexual assault survivors and their families. We believe this position would be most effective under the City's OVP if funding is available. Local data speaks to the ongoing need for direct services and unfortunately, APD does not anticipate significant violent crime reductions in the near term. Continuing these positions would truly benefit our growing community and APD is happy to speak in support of the request for FY23 funds.</p> <p>RPS The department highly recommends continuation funds that will allow successful programming to take place in FY24. Knowing the time constraints, obligating FY23 funds toward an FY24 performance period would be ideal for this vendor pool. In addition, the Department recommends that any continuation funds be passed through APH and that APH make programming decisions in coordination with the SSVVP Workgroup and the Equity Office. APD Victim Services will continue to weigh in as SSVVP partners. Please note that police reports or criminal justice involvement are not currently required to access funds.</p>	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
JIC endorsed the attached recommendation from the LGBTQ Commission on tenant application and selection process demographic information, including sexual orientation and gender identity, should be collected and reported to support the perception diversity, inclusion and respect regarding the City affordable housing efforts.	Housing and Planning	HPD is working to update its demographic reporting requirements in order to better communicate diversity and inclusion within the city's affordable housing portfolio.	link
The Joint Inclusion Committee voted on 3/23/22 to endorse the recommendation of the Commission on Women regarding funding for women experiencing homelessness	Austin Public Health	APH currently funds a total of \$37,943,137 in homeless services which includes services for women and children. Specifically, the following homeless programs focus on Women, children and families. The SAFE Alliance Children's Shelter (\$98,033), The SAFE Alliance Family Domestic Violence Shelter (2,000,000), The SAFE Alliance Victim Services programs (\$932,495), Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter (\$1,939,765), Lifeworks youth rapid rehousing services (\$284,125), Foundation Communities Family Rehousing Initiative (\$264,519), Vincare St Louise House (\$101,146), Lifeworks Collective Impact Continuum program (\$333,721) and Lifeworks Youth set aside (shelter) program (\$162,880).	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The JIC endorsed the attached resolution from the Early Childhood Council that the City maintain all current investments in early childhood programs and infrastructure	Austin Public Health	APH currently invests \$3,285,203 in early childhood through social services agreements with Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Child Inc., Any Baby Can, and Allison Orr. An additional \$128K of on-going funding is available for PreK classroom start up materials for local school districts. APH funds 2 FTE positions specific to early childhood at \$171K per year. Current funding investments would need to be maintained in order to support these programs. Annual funding for leases (i.e. Operating Expense) for city funded early childhood facilities increased by \$17,544/year from FY21 to FY22 at the Bergstrom Tech child care center. Funding is needed to support increases in OpEx.	link
The JIC endorsed the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommendation to add a position (community engagement and outreach) to the Cultural Arts Division to develop deeper connections between the Division and the cultural arts community groups.	Economic Development Department	In response to the commission's requests over the last few years, and the department's capacity needs, EDD reorganized support roles. To provide coordinated communications for the department, in FY 2020-21 EDD centralized communications staff under the Public Information and Marketing Program and in FY 2021-22 a dedicated public information unit was created. Additionally, the FY 2022-23 budget includes one new position to support this recommendation. The new position will support outreach efforts with creatives, artists, musicians and nonprofits, and the support of property repositioning efforts in EDD's current portfolio of properties.	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The JIC endorsed the recommendation from the African American Resource Advisory Commission for equitable resources and opportunities for African Americans to increase their education and earning potential.	Economic Development Department	<p>EDD is in the process of soliciting \$6.1M in contracts for workforce development and occupational training in the City's key industries of Healthcare, IT, Skilled Trades, and Advanced Manufacturing. The RFP states that contractors shall utilize a portion of funds to field targeted outreach and public information and awareness campaigns about training opportunities. These contractors shall also utilize funding to provide wraparound services to participants, including case management. Additionally, the FY 2022-23 budget includes one new position to support this recommendation.</p> <p>Two of the contractors listed, have agreements with the City which provide community benefit. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce contract is \$230,797.00. The partnership creates jobs, increase the city's tax base, diversify and strengthen the local economy by developing Austin's existing businesses and by recruiting outside businesses to relocate to or expand their business in Austin. The contract also includes training, education and networking for small businesses. There are two contracts with the Austin Revitalization Authority \$50,000 for Navigators, and \$7,100 Cultural Funding. The Navigator program provides support local businesses, non-profit organizations, and creative professionals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this initiative, local entities can register for critical assistance like one-on-one coaching, business classes, technical support, and application assistance for grants and resources.</p>	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
In order to provide informed recommendations the Commissions represented on the Joint Inclusion Committee need to have Quality of Life Studies and these along with existing Quality of Life Studies need to be regularly updated with current data.	Management Services	The FY 2022-23 budget includes \$1.25 million in one-time funding to support this recommendation.	link
The JIC recommends that the items not already addressed from the Task Force report be included as a priority in the FY2022-23 budget.		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
The JIC endorsed the LGBTQ QoL Commission recommendation to Council for including the board and commission recommendation process in the annual budget calendar that Council adopts so that boards and commission will be able to plan their activities with established dates for making budget recommendations		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link

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Joint Sustainability Committee



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The Joint Sustainability Committee recommends that the Austin City Council allocate funds for research and development of a system as part of Austin Energy Green Building program to reduce the use of toxic building materials.	Austin Energy	The recommendation references \$50,000 for a third party to research toxic materials topologies in existing data sets, with the goal of developing a calculator to provide the Green Building program participants with visibility into the impacts their materials choices will have upon indoor air quality. Once the calculator has been developed, it will support and be integrated into our existing Green Building Ratings systems. A working group has been formalized and will continue to work on broader recommendations with regards to toxic materials, and additional funding is expected compliment/support the recommendations coming from that work group.	link

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Joint Sustainability Commission



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The Joint Sustainability Committee recommends that the Austin City Council allocate funds for a Community Solar subsidy, funded by the Energy Efficiency Services fee.	Management Services	The Community Solar portfolio currently includes three projects, Palmer Events Center, La Loma, and the airport (AUS), for a total of 4.265MW. Austin Energy currently recovers approximately \$0.015/kWh from market rate customers for participation in half of the program capacity, and another \$0.015/kWh is provided as a subsidy through the Customer Assistance Programs (CAP) budget to support CAP customer participation at no cost to the customer. These funds go back to the Power Supply Adjustment (PSA) to offset the higher Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) costs of doing smaller scale solar in the community. Still, the cost of those projects exceeds recovered costs via the program and avoided cost, causing additional project subsidy to be recovered through the PSA. The proposal would require Austin Energy to change how the utility recovers through the Community Benefit Charge, impacting Energy Efficiency Services budget availability for other efforts.	link

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer QoL Advisory Commission



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission recommends to City Council that the FY22-23 Budget continue funding of existing youth LGBTQIA+ focused mental health services at the current level of \$100,000 through Austin Public Health's Health Equity contracting portfolio.	Austin Public Health	APH currently has an agreement with OutYouth for mental health services for LGBTQIA Youth - \$100,000. APH recently conducted an LGBTQ2IA+ Community Health Needs Assessment which included funding and promoting accessible mental healthcare resources as a key recommendation. APH will be renewing a contract with OutYouth for \$15,000 for tobacco prevention programming for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults. APH funds Northwest Austin Universal Health Care \$ 100,000 and YWCA \$50,000 annually to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community	link
The LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission recommends to City Council that, tax-supported affordable housing development contracts include language that requires tenant application and selection processes to convey that affordable housing is supportive to all and that annual reporting of complete demographic information regarding the tenant application and selection process be required of developers and made available by the City to the community to support the perception of diversity, inclusion, and respect with regard to the City's affordable housing efforts.	Housing and Planning	HPD is working to update its demographic reporting requirements in order to better communicate diversity and inclusion within the city's affordable housing portfolio.	link

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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission recommends to City Council to include in the FY 2022-23 Budget funding for one FTE position with the title of LGBTQIA+ Community Liaison (or similar) through reallocation of a current vacant position	Management Services	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
Budget Office briefing on the Adopted Budget for member Commissions of the Joint Inclusion Committee not later than October 31 of each fiscal year, 2. Budget Office briefing on the Proposed Budget process and outlook not later than November 30 of each fiscal year,	Financial Services	The Budget and Performance team is committed to provided a briefing prior to October 1.	link

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Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
Fund Recreational Programs for People With Disabilities	Parks and Recreation	<p>The Austin Parks and Recreation Department supports this recommendation and is currently in the process of expanding services for people with intellectual disabilities. PARD has begun providing Therapeutic Recreation Services at Alamo Recreation Center to include adaptive programming for older adults' day habilitation and will expand services at Dottie Jordan Recreation Center as well with a focus on young adults. This expansion and acquisition of two new facilities for programming are being phased in. Although we have funding for additional programming the Therapeutic Recreation Services division is in need of FTE support staff to include a Specialist recognized to facilitate programming at the additional facility as well as an Administrative Associate who can assist all three locations with assessments, billing, and other administrative tasks. Additional resources needed to fund the 2 FTEs (Program Specialist and Administrative Associate).</p>	link

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Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
Fund accessible restrooms at Zilker Park	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation would recommend engaging a consultant to evaluate potential sites and their feasibility for an ADA-accessible restroom with a changing table. Additional resources for a site-specific design and construction would be needed once the initial feasibility analysis is completed. The requirements for adult-sized changing tables are complex and necessitate a careful review of suitable locations within parks and facilities due to the following:• An adult-sized changing table needs to be placed in an Americans with Disabilities Act/Texas Accessibility Standards–accessible single-stall/family-sized restroom for privacy;• The restroom needs to have a floor drain, a disposable table cover station, and a separate trash receptacle to accommodate solid waste;• The restroom design must accommodate a wall-mounted structure with loads up to 400pounds and enough space to also accommodate a wheelchair; and• Adjustable-height tables are preferable to assist with easy transition to and from the table.	link

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Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
Allocate sufficient funding for a Music HUB and provide a feasibility assessment for a Music Residency Program at the ESB MACC. 2. Convert long-standing Part-Time Employees to Full-Time Employees	Economic Development	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link

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Music Commission Recommendation



Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The Music Commission recommends \$15 Million for FY 2023 from any and all available sources to sustain, strengthen, and build the Austin music economy.	Economic Development	<p>Additional resources are needed to be fully responsive to the recommendation.</p> <p>Hotel Occupancy Taxes funds the Live Music Fund. ED is currently spending \$50,000 a year with Visit Austin on music marketing. In addition, grant guidelines also allow for marketing expenses for musicians and independent promoters. The grant budget in FY23 is \$3,000,000. The budget could increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 with visit Austin, but we do not recommend an increase to \$3M in marketing because this would deplete the available grants funds for the music community. Other sources of Hotel Occupancy Taxes are currently allocated for other uses.</p> <p>Additional resources would need to be identified to provide \$3.0M in pandemic disaster relief for musicians.</p> <p>A total of \$12.0 million in capital spending from Proposition B of the 2018 Bond is expected in early FY 2022-2023 for cultural facilities that host creative activities. The AEDC is learning the development of a cultural trust which will include creative space and other community benefits.</p> <p>Addoyopma;;u.</p>	link

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Parks and Recreation Board



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the Austin City Council: 1) approval of the Parks and Recreation Department FY 2023 Operating Budget as presented in the FY 2023 Budget Forecast. 2) that it provide allocations in addition to the Parks and Recreation Department FY 2023 Budget Forecast sufficient to fully fund the Under Resourced Service Expectations; and 3) to provide a livable wage to department employees.	Parks and Recreation	The FY 2022-23 budget supports the Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget, includes funding for 4 new lifeguard positions at Barton Springs pool, and increases the living wage to \$18 per hour.	link

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Resource Management



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Recommendation Summary	Department(s)	Department Response	Link
The Resource Management Commission recommends that a Community Solar subsidy sufficient to allow for deployment of additional Community Solar installations on the local distribution grid in line with the criteria previously adopted by the RMC, funded by the Energy Efficiency Services (EES) Fee be included in Austin Energy's FY 2023 Customer Energy Solutions budget		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
Austin Energy staff are requesting "\$50,000 to hire a firm to look at an existing database of hazardous materials, add to it, and develop a calculator to direct decision making for building designers based upon healthy material typology		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link

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South-Central Waterfront Advisory Board



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SCWAB recommends to City Council to consider allocating funding for outreach and community engagement regarding the accessibility, programming, and operations of the Lady Bird Lake waterfront park and other open spaces included in the South-Central Waterfront area. Further this public engagement should include a discussion regarding the overall South Central Waterfront Vision Plan and the community benefits detailed therein	Parks and Recreation	PARD needs to identify resources to get this accomplished. PARD has a Community Engagement Office that has worked on similar outreach. PARD planning would participate as a stakeholder, but not leading the process. In similar type projects, the developer(s) of the property have funded planning and design services that includes community engagement. PARD serves as a stakeholder in the process and approves the final design and implementation of the park.	

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The UTC urges all relevant departments set their budgets to prioritize programs and projects which serve 1. Work with partners to plan and develop high-capacity transit 2. Attaining the 50/50 mode share split set forth in the ASMP 3. Realizing Vision Zero and other safety efforts 4. Reaching the climate goals set forth in the Austin Climate Equity Plan 5. Actively mitigate and address Equity concerns caused by decades of inequitable transportation system planning and development		<i>Department response in progress</i>	link

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FY 2022-2023 Recommendation for Code Enforcement: Ensure adequate staffing and resources to proactively monitor and enforce compliance with health and safety regulations by commercial residential developments that participate in City, state, and federal income-restricted housing, rental assistance, or home repair assistance programs in Austin. Investigate the possibility of federal funding for these resources.	Austin Code	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
Development Services recommendations: Facilitate application reviews for increased transparency, faster review times, and cost savings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adequate staffing and resources to timely update Amanda and GIS with information on localized flooding and wildfire interface. • Ensure staffing levels are adequate to meet ensure review times and facilitate code compliance. 	Development Services	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link
Recommendations for AFD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase staffing for construction and environmental inspections to ensure that all public infrastructure is built according to approved requirements and to address the \$261,617 decrease in funding from the FY 2020-2021 budget. • Provide funding to facilitate implementation of City wildfire prevention and preparedness programs, and Firewise programs 	Austin Fire	<i>Department response in progress</i>	link.

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<p>FY 2022-2223 Budget Recommendations for City Wide: Provide ongoing funding to allow the public to participate virtually in public meetings held by Council, boards, and commissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funding for a Livability Team to facilitate timely response to time-sensitive code complaints after regular business hours and on weekends and investigate the possibility of using Austin Police Department (APD) funds for the services previously provided by APD or the use of civilians for those functions. 		<p><i>Department response in progress</i></p>	link
<p>2022-2223 Budget Recommendations for Environment/Watershed:</p> <p>*Ensure funding for all the Atlas Floodplain studies identified in the 2022 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funding to facilitate implementation of the City's Water Forward Plan. • Provide funding to facilitate implementation of the Austin Climate Equity Plan, Austin Climate Resilience Action Plan, and Austin Climate Preparedness Plan 	<p>Watershed Protection</p>	<p>Our floodplain studies are fully funded in the five-year plan. Waterforward is Austin Water's program. For Climate Equity Plan, the department is including in its budget projects and programs such as Grow Zone program, Green infrastructure maintenance program, Rain catcher pilot program etc. that comply towards the goal of Austin Climate Equity Plan.</p>	link

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