

FY 2022-23 Budget Rider Form

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Improving Inclement Weather Response and Shelter

Strategic Outcome Alignment

Safety

Lead Sponsor

Council Member Fuentes

Cosponsors (optional)

CM Vela, CM Kitchen, CM Tovo

Amount and Source of Funding

Ongoing	One-Time	Revenue	FTEs	Source of Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Additional Information

On July 28, 2022, Council provided direction on agreements to operate the Southbridge Bridge shelter and the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) shelter that directed the City Manager to develop a plan in collaboration with the Homeless Response System Leadership Council and other stakeholders to assess the current citywide shelter plan, and to set forth a long-term vision for the design, scope, and funding of Austin's shelter system prior to rebidding these contracts.

To supplement the direction issued on July 28, 2022 by Council, the City Manager shall develop a calendar-based emergency shelter response plan for extreme weather events, including heat, cold, and unforeseen weather events. This plan shall include community input informed by frontline volunteers with experience with outreach and response efforts.

The Manager shall also increase the availability of shelters outside of City-owned facilities by exploring community partnerships to operate and manage sheltering sites. As part of these shelters, culturally competent training focused on crisis response, de-escalation, and harm reduction best practices, shall be made available to staff and volunteers at these sites. The shelters shall contain meals, drinking water, hygiene, harm-reduction, first-aid supplies, Covid test kits, and other supply essentials.

By November 1, 2022, the City Manager is directed to provide Council with an initial status report of the emergency shelter response plan.