

Building an Intergenerational Day Center

Background

Austin suffers a glaring gap in intergenerational services (IDS), including adult day health care for low-income seniors and children. Resolution #89 directed Austin City Manager (PARD-LBJ School) pursue measures regarding implementation of an Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) on June 26, 2022 [20181018-041, Resolution \(austintexas.gov\)](#).

Recommendations



The resolution recommended a feasibility study of a potential joint-use site for the IRACE located at the Nash Hernandez Sr. Road in the Holly neighborhood (78702 Zip code) and near the RBJ Center for Independent Living. The city owned Nash Hernandez building is included in the Holly Shores Master Plan Phase II as a space for the community ([Nash Hernandez Building Project | AustinTexas.gov](#)).

Transforming the Nash Hernandez Property into a community center would meet the mutual goals for both the Holly Shores Master Plan and the IRAC Initiative.

Space Requirement

The IDS Pilot, which is the first among planned Resource and Activity Centers (IRAC), requires 9,600 square feet (sf) indoor space plus 3,000 (sf) of outdoor space to accommodate 50 seniors and 25 toddlers/preschoolers, (phase II includes Martin Middle School students) in a way they have room to interact amongst their own age groups and together.

Proposed Budget

Capital		City of Austin (PARD) renovation		\$3.2 million
Operational		Partners/City of Austin		\$3.7 million
Revenue		Medicare-Medicaid (duals), tuition, sliding scale service fee		Variable
Total				\$6.9 million

*Excluding Start Up Costs

Next Steps

In Phase 1, outreach and registration of IRAC participants serving 50 seniors 60 years and 25 children 8 months to 4 years, early 2023.

Launch Capital Campaign, Clarke Heidrick, Chair, Mary Sue Clyne, Lori Renteria, Henry Van de Putte, fall 2022 and Partners/Foundations (letters of support and commitment- Meals on Wheels Central Texas, Family Eldercare, Open Door Preschool, Texas Aging and Longevity Center, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Priscilla Pond Flawn Child and Family Laboratory, Chariot (Formerly Drive-a-Senior Central Texas), St. David's Foundation, Anderson Foundation, Toler Foundation, AGE of Central Texas, United Way, and other IRAC Partners.