

# Disaster Food Access and Drinking Water Appendix: Updates and Feedback

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City of Austin, Texas

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## Meeting Purpose

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**Provide an update** on the City's development of a ***Disaster Food Access and Drinking Water Appendix***.

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Review the approach described in the Appendix and the **potential connection to ATCFPB**.

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Leverage any discussion today to **inform upcoming mass care plan updates**, led by HSEM.

## Project Overview

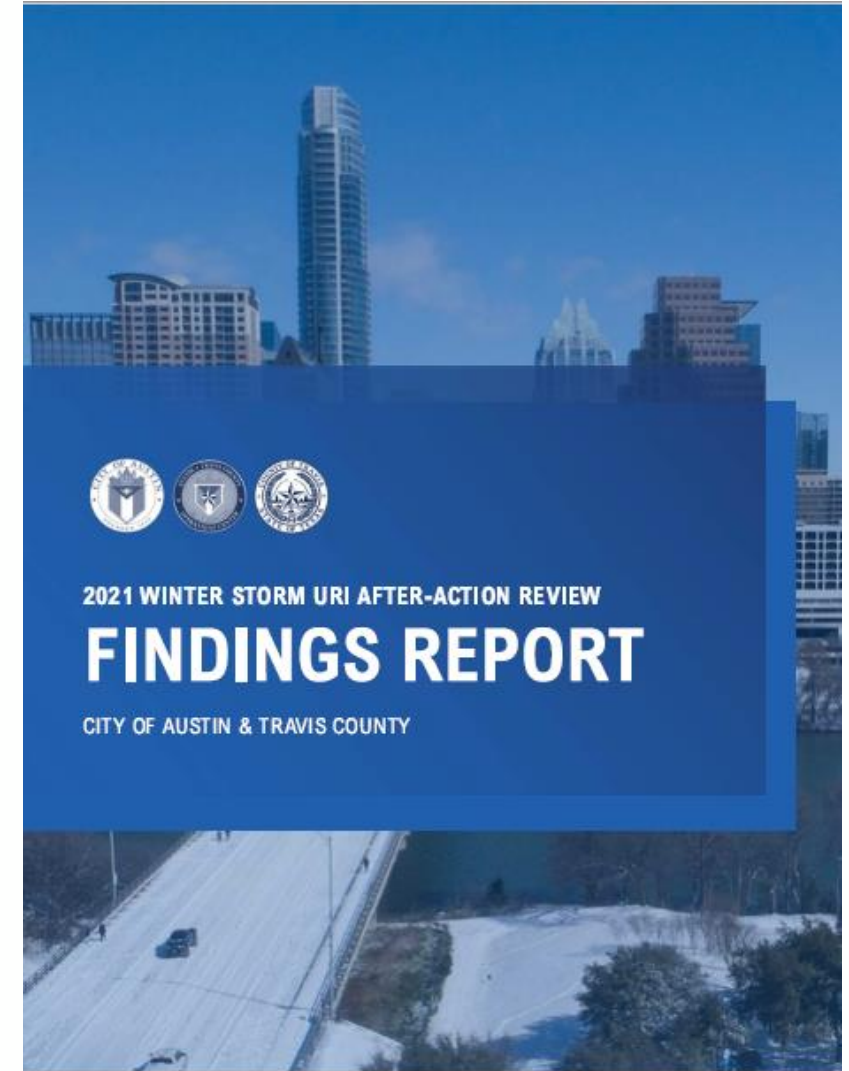
**This project is a result of the feedback and recommendations received during the evaluation of the COVID-19 and Winter Storm Uri responses.**

- Goal: develop clear processes for responding to various types of disasters with food and water resources that will be needed by our community, including roles and responsibilities for plan implementation.

**This project is just one part of increasing Austin's disaster preparedness and resilience.**

- Additional near-term next step: HSEM to hire full-time staff to fulfill the roles of Mass Care Director and Food Access Manager.

**Appendix developed by a Project Steering Committee: HSEM, OOS, APH, Equity, Resilience**



## Appendix Status

- Based on the *Emergency Operations Plan* (EOP).
- The EOP can be accessed here:  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/HSEM/Basic%20Plan%202003-21-2020.pdf>.
- Today's presentation contains summaries of content included in a draft of the City's new *Disaster Food Access and Drinking Water Appendix*. None of the content included here is final.

### City of Austin Emergency Operations Plan

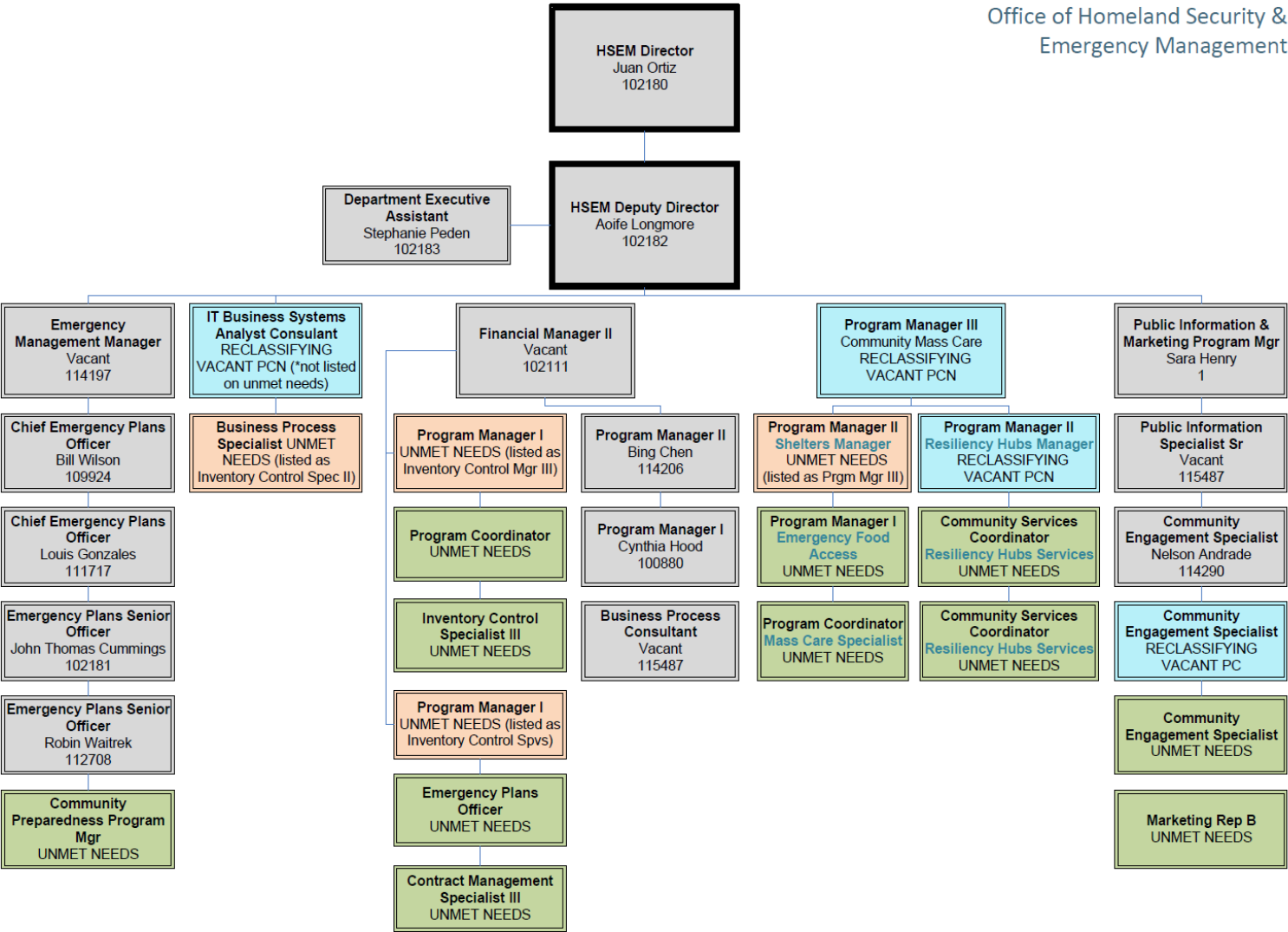


#### Basic Plan Updated March 2020



# Homeland Security and Emergency Management Proposed Organizational Chart

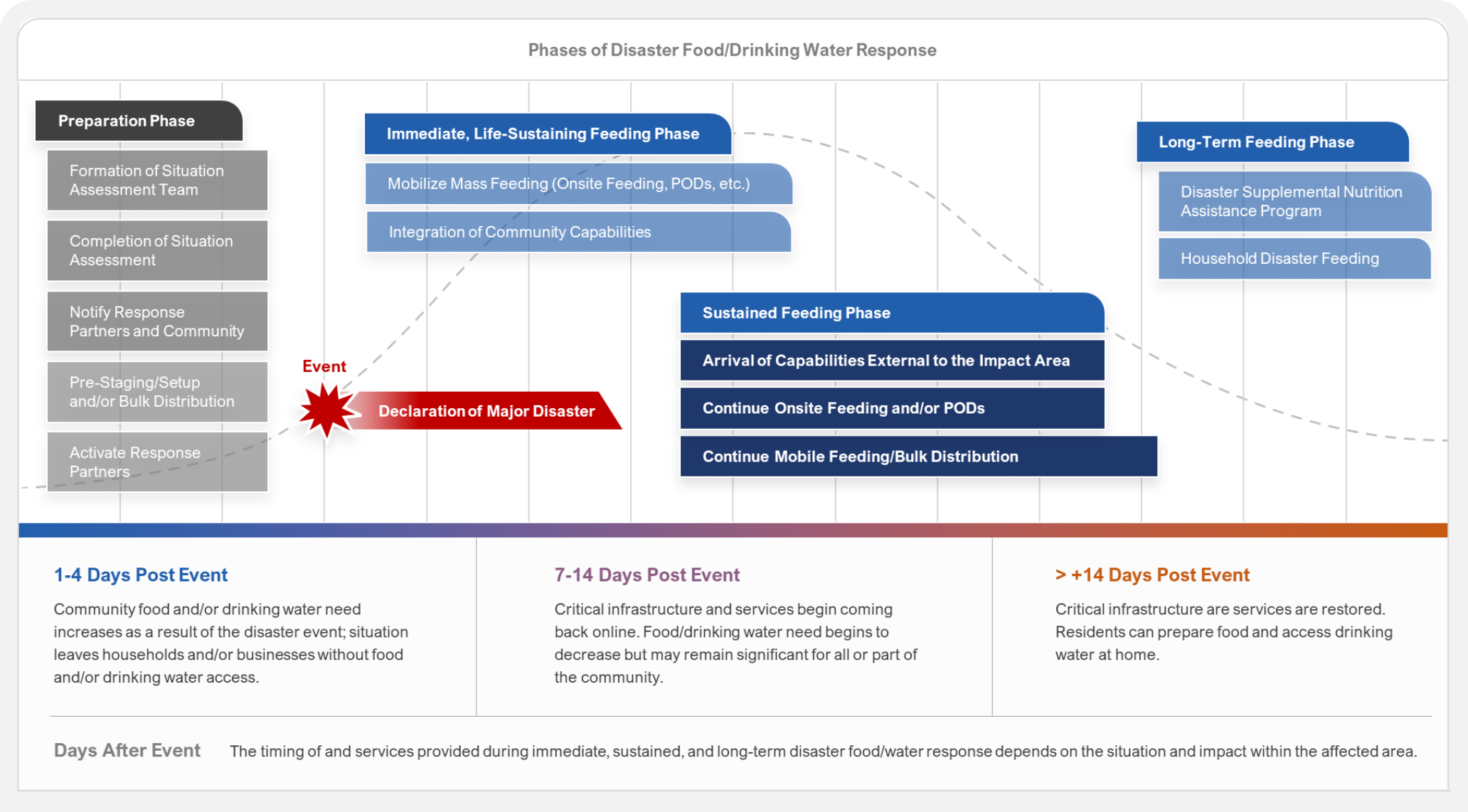
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**Review: Draft Disaster Food/Water Processes**

# Concept of Operations: Overview of Disaster Food/Water Response (Draft)

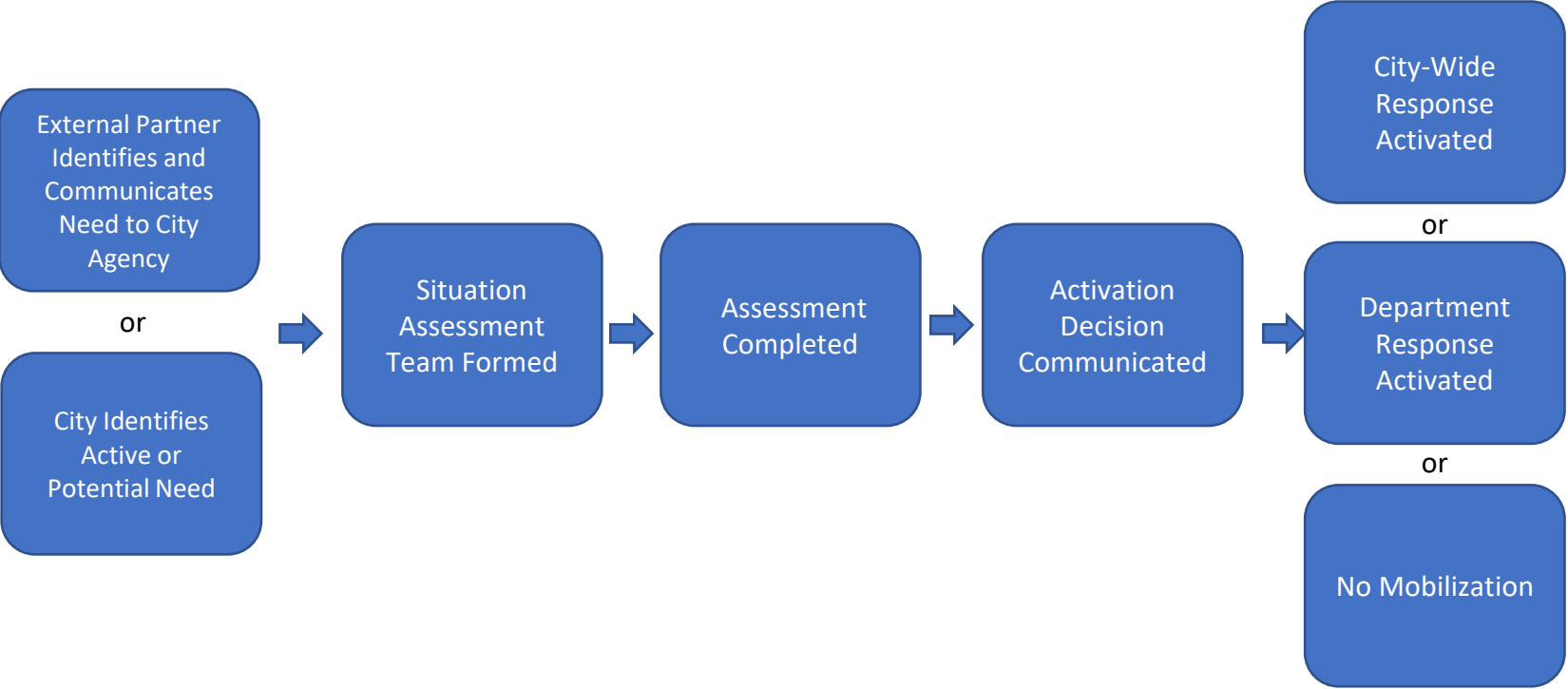


# Concept of Operations: Overview of Disaster Food/Water Response (Draft)

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Pre-Incident</p>	<p><b>Immediate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement feeding plan in alignment with the Incident Action Plan</li> <li>• Mobilize City-led, life-sustaining feeding activities</li> <li>• Coordinate disaster response organization-led and community-led feeding activities</li> <li>• Public information</li> <li>• Event monitoring, prevention, mitigation and resilience; planning; training and exercising</li> </ul>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Response</p>	<p><b>Immediate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Situation/Damage Assessment</li> <li>• Implement feeding plan in alignment with the Incident Action Plan</li> <li>• Mobilize City-led, life-sustaining feeding activities</li> <li>• Coordinate disaster response organization-led and community-led feeding activities</li> </ul> <p><b>Sustained</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue City-led feeding activities, including implementation of feeding contracts, County, State, or Federal support</li> <li>• Coordinate disaster response organization-led and community-led feeding activities</li> <li>• Public Information</li> </ul>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Recovery</p>	<p><b>Transition to and Short-term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demobilization of sustained feeding activities</li> <li>• Disaster feeding</li> <li>• Public Information</li> </ul> <p><b>Intermediate and Long-Term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of recovery projects</li> <li>• Continued food insecurity mitigation and resilience program</li> </ul>



# Response Activation Process Review (Draft)



## Actions for External Partners

- Monitor community emergency food/water needs through their network
- Communicate concerns to “blue skies” City contact(s)
- Contribute feedback/data to City Situation Assessment Team, as requested
- Implement internal continuity and readiness processes
- Remain alert and responsive to City communications regarding the activation decision

Situation Assessment Team includes: HSEM, Office of Sustainability, Austin Public Health, Equity Office, Resilience Office, and/or others as needed per the situation.

## Next Steps for Appendix

- **Community Partnerships are Critical:** Continue to stay engaged with grass-roots organizations and participate in FEMA trainings
- **Communicate Feedback and Outstanding Questions:** Please share any specific suggestions or information related to the draft *Appendix* with Robin Wiatrek (HSEM), Edwin Marty (OOS), Elizabeth Foster (Hagerty), and Tanvi Patel (Hagerty).
- **Next Steps:**
  - HSEM staff
  - Table-top within Mass Care
  - Public meetings within Austin/Travis County Food Plan

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**Thank you!**