



**JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230322-014  
HEALTH PRIORITY – APH CONTRACTS SPECIALIST FTE**

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: Joint Endorsement of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission's FY23-24 Budget Recommendation 0230321-011: APH Contracts Specialist FTE (JIC Health Priority)

Motioned by: Commissioner Raul Alvarez      Seconded By: Commissioner Gregory Smith

ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230321-011

JOINTLY ENDORSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON FY23-2024 BUDGET

The Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) collectively endorses the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission's recommendation that Austin City Council provide full funding for an FTE position that fulfills Austin Public Health's need for an additional Contracts Specialist FTE to assist current staff in the Health Equity and Community Engagement Division, Social Services Agreements Administration with the increasing volume of APH service contracts. Over the past five years, the amount of funding for social services managed by APH has increased by 50%. Similarly, APH has seen the volume of its contracts increase significantly while staffing levels have not risen accordingly. Some of this increase can be attributed to the continued advocacy work and successful recommendations made by the various quality of life commissions and the JIC. During the pandemic, COVID funds were used to hire temporary staff to handle the increasing workload. However, those funds have now expired.

An additional FTE would allow the Social Service Contracts Division to right-size the workload give the significant increase in funding and related contracts overt the past five years. If these funds are not provided to staffing assistance to APH, solicitations and contract awards for important social services to Austin's most-vulnerable community members could be delayed.

Cost is \$101,727 ongoing.

DEPARTMENT

Austin Public Health

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Health & Environment: Healthy conditions among individuals (absence of unhealthy conditions); Accessibility to quality health care services, both physical and mental

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 – 0

For: African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith  
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang  
Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen  
Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley  
Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez  
Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life-Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi  
LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Charles Curry  
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Jennifer Powell

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez  
Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office:

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