




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court 

DATE: August 2, 2023

SUBJECT: **Staff Response to Resolution 20230608-044 – Downtown Austin Community Court Jurisdiction and Resource Expansion**

This memorandum serves as a response to City Council [Resolution 20230608-044](#), which directed the City Manager to initiate City Code amendments to expand Downtown Austin Community Court's (DACC) geographical service area for certain Class C misdemeanors and to identify potential ongoing funding sources for FY24.

The Resolution requested additional funding be identified to “augment DACC's Intensive Case Management capacity by adding two clinical case manager full-time employees and programmatic funding to continue connecting individuals experiencing homelessness to housing.” The Proposed FY24 budget includes an increase of \$644,550 and two Clinical Case Manager FTEs to, bolster the capacity of the Downtown Austin Community Court's intensive case management and rehabilitative services.

Additional direction in the resolution included the initiation of City Code amendments related to expanding DACC's jurisdiction. We have consulted with the Presiding Judge and Court Clerk of the Austin Municipal Court to get input on operational implications and are currently working with the Law Department to draft an ordinance responsive to the direction in the Resolution. It's anticipated that a draft ordinance will be posted on a City Council agenda for Council consideration in fall 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 512-974-1394 or Robert.Kingham@austintexas.gov.

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