

City of Austin 5-Year Consolidated Plan *Community Needs Assessment*

Discussion on community needs and spending priorities for
the FY 24-29 Consolidated Plan for federal grants.

Agenda

Where Does Our Funding Come From?

Planning and Reporting for Federal Funding

How We Make Decisions

Fair Housing

Programs and Activities Overview

What We've Heard From the Community

Group and Community Input





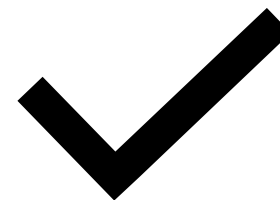
How do we fund our programs?



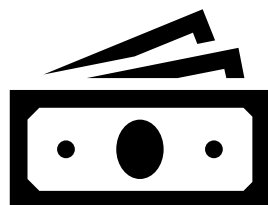
HUD Annual Entitlement Grants



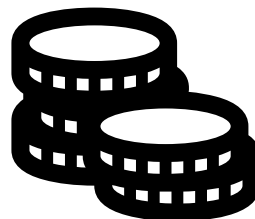
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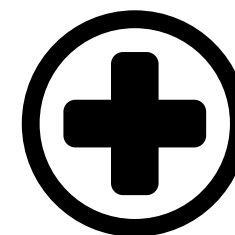
Approved City Bonds



City Operating Budget



Project Connect
Anti-Displacement Funds



CARES Act



Federal Grants:

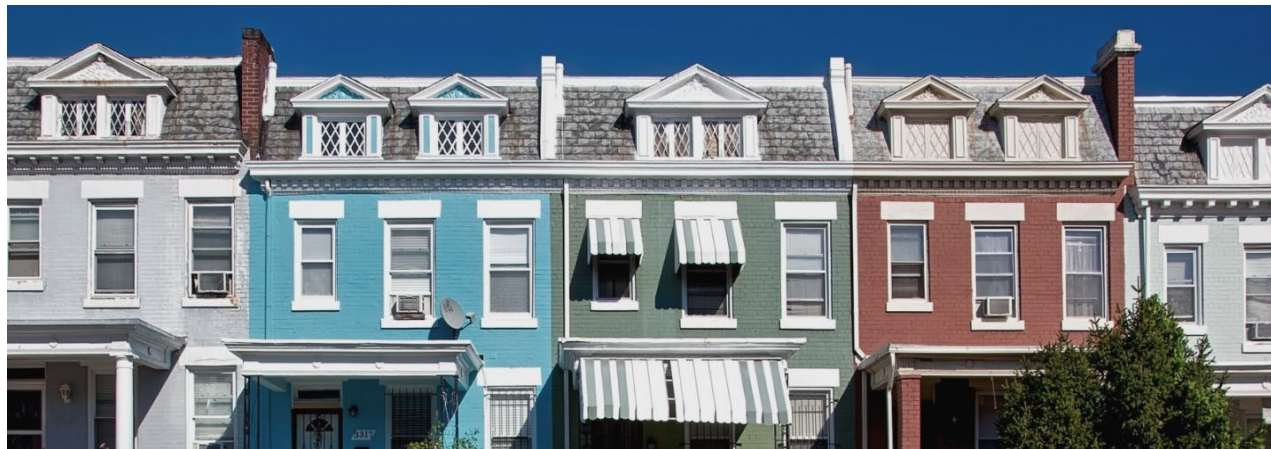
Planning & Reporting Programs & Activities



The **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** allocates entitlement funding to municipalities and state governments.

The City of Austin applies for what in recent years has been approximately \$14 million in annual grant entitlements across four grants for affordable housing, community development, economic development, and public services.

Each year, we plan and evaluate the programs funded by the HUD grants.

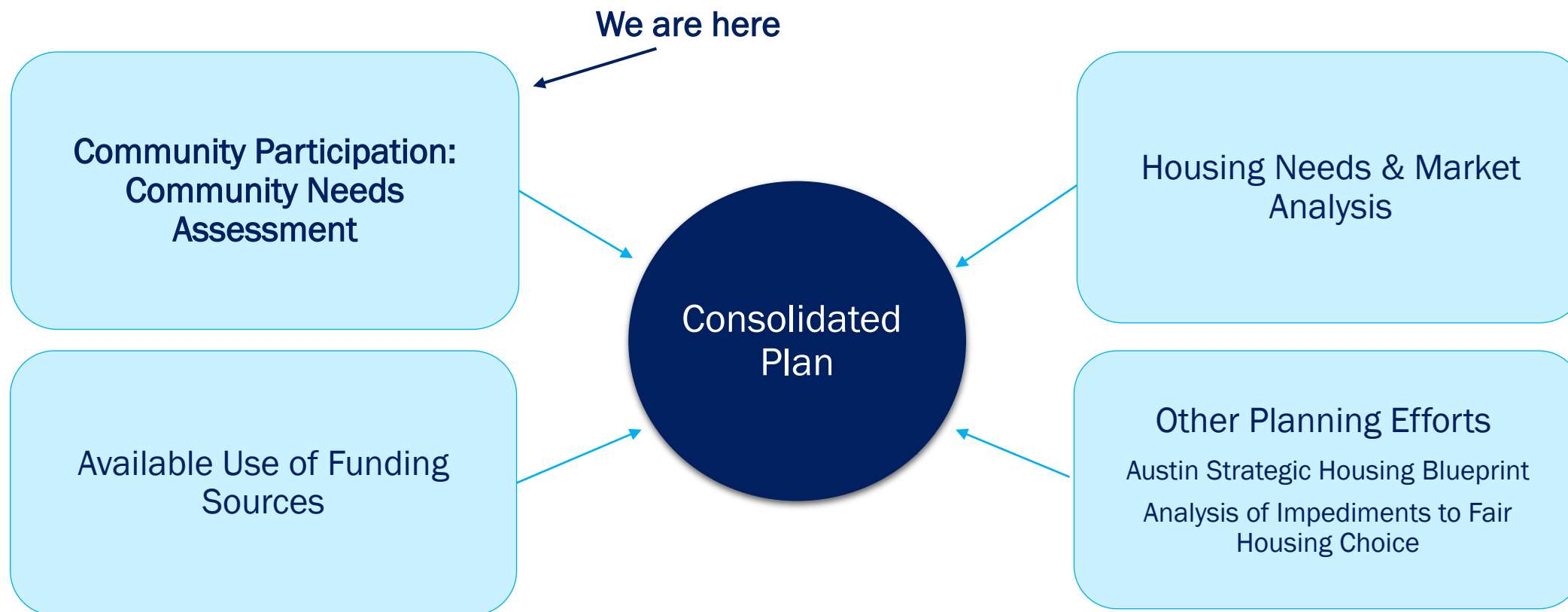




U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

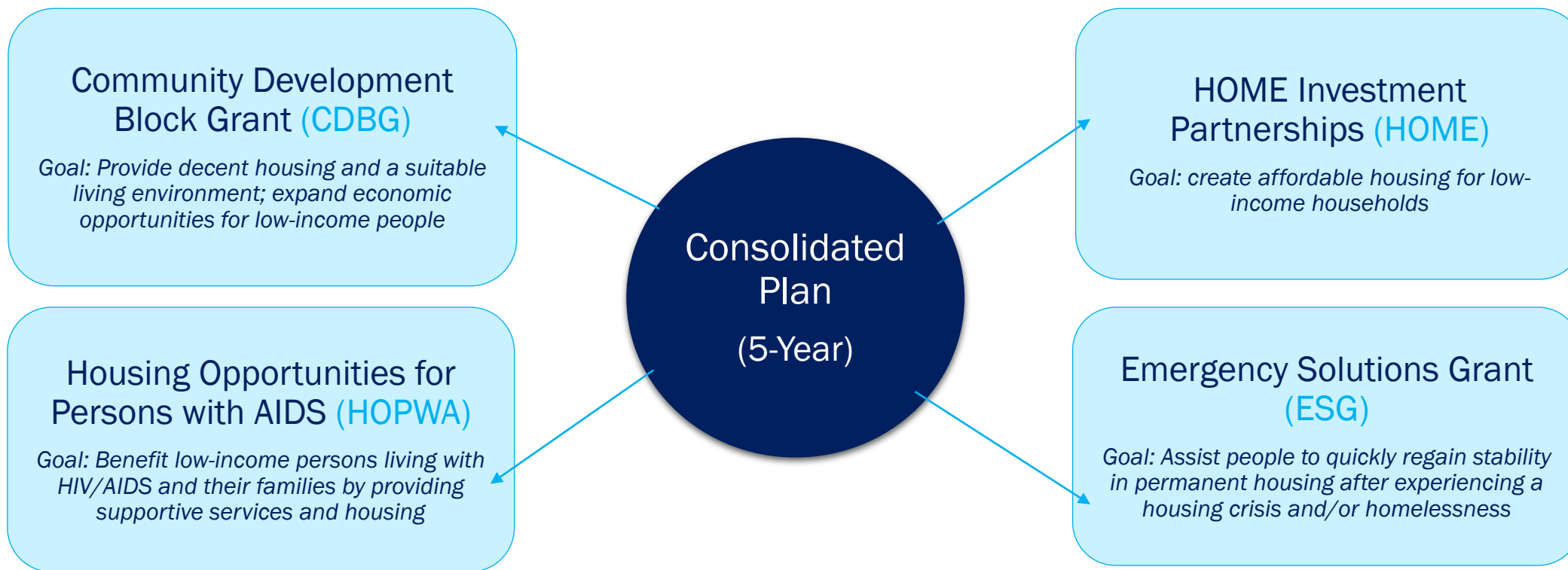


How are funding decisions made?





Consolidated Plan Funding Sources





Fair Housing

- 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
- Potential upcoming "Equity Plan" related to fair housing
- Seeking input and surveying on fair housing issues, experiences



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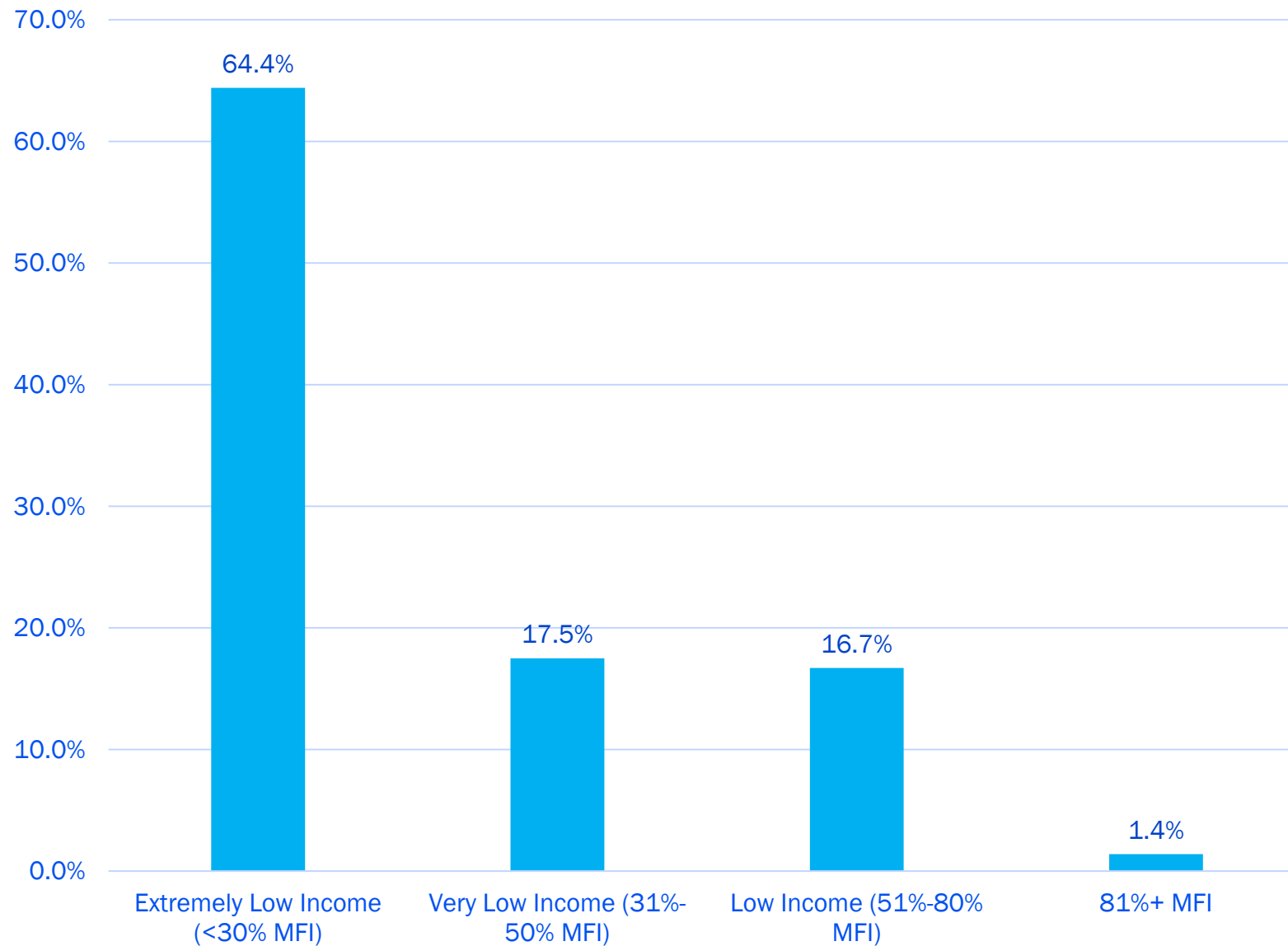


Programs & Activities

		Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$7,362,354	Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) \$3,601,868	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) \$2,670,278	Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) \$658,196
	RENTER ASSISTANCE	- Architectural Barrier Removal - Tenants' Rights Assistance	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - Short term rental, mortgage & utilities (STRMU)	
	HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE		Down Payment Assistance		
	HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE	- Architectural barrier removal - Home repair programs - Homeowner rehabilitation loans		Short term rental, mortgage & utilities (STRMU)	
	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	Rental & Ownership Housing Development Assistance			
	HOMELESS ASSISTANCE		Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	- Short-term Supportive Housing - Housing Case Management - Permanent Housing Placement	- Rapid Rehousing Programs - Homeless Shelter Operations - Homeless Management Information System
	SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE	- Childcare - Youth Mental Health Services - Senior Services		Facility Based Housing	
	OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	Family Business Loan Program	- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating expense grants - CHDO Housing Development Assistance		

Who Do We Serve?

3,017
households
served FY 22-23



*Income data does not include ESG, HOPWA and Cares Act-funded programming



What we've heard:

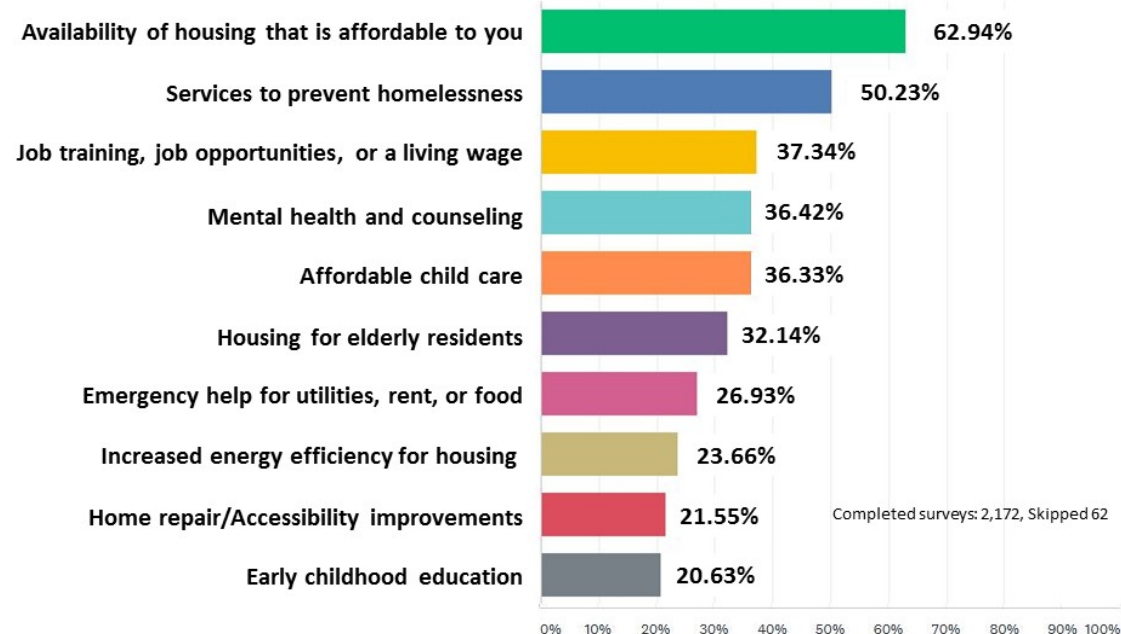
How community needs drive our
decisions



What we've heard from community

What do you think are the greatest needs in your neighborhood or community?

All survey respondents | February 16, 2019 – March 30, 2019



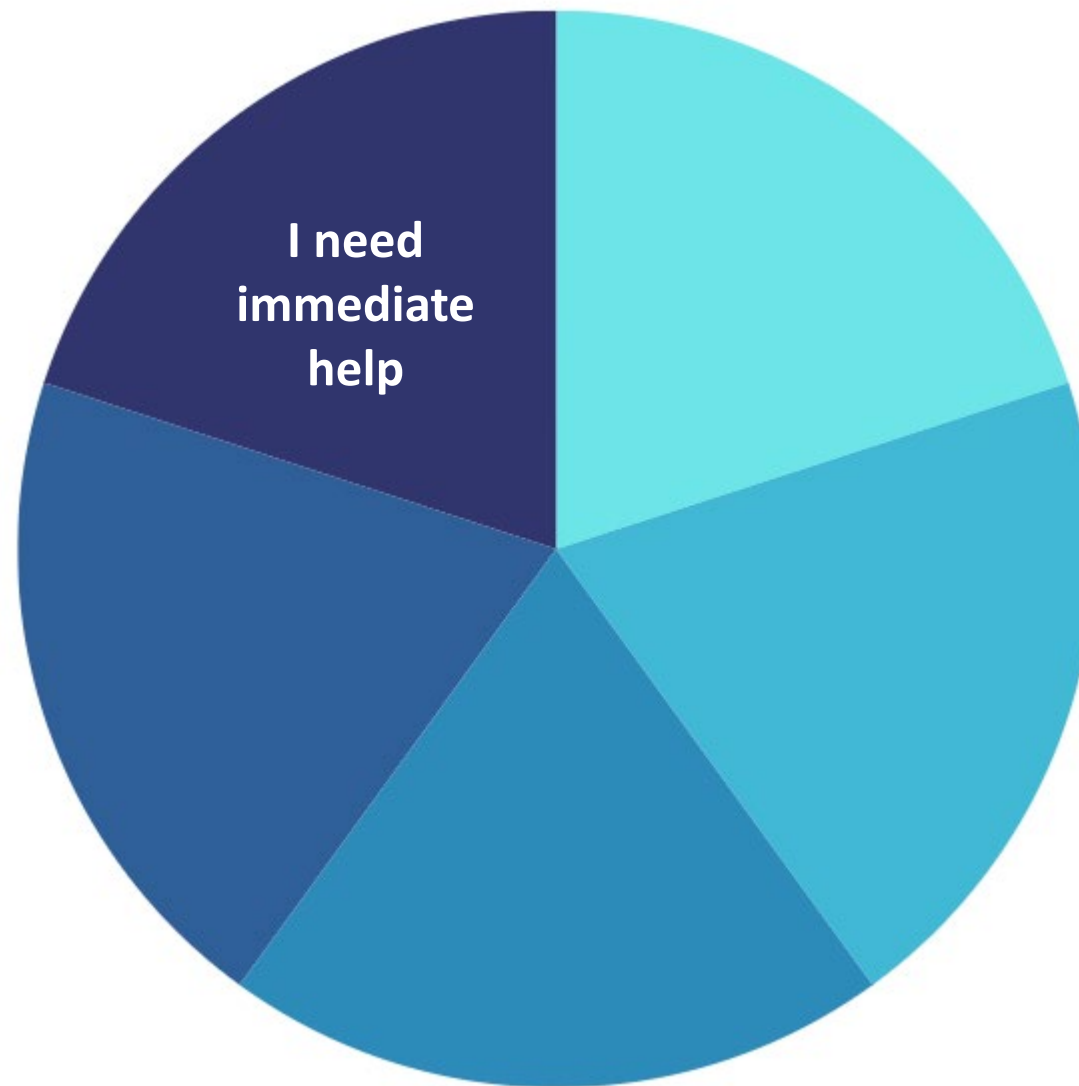


Housing Needs

Finding housing
Rental Assistance
Mortgage assistance
Emergency repairs
Eviction response/Legal services

Other Needs

Utilities
Transportation
Food
Employment



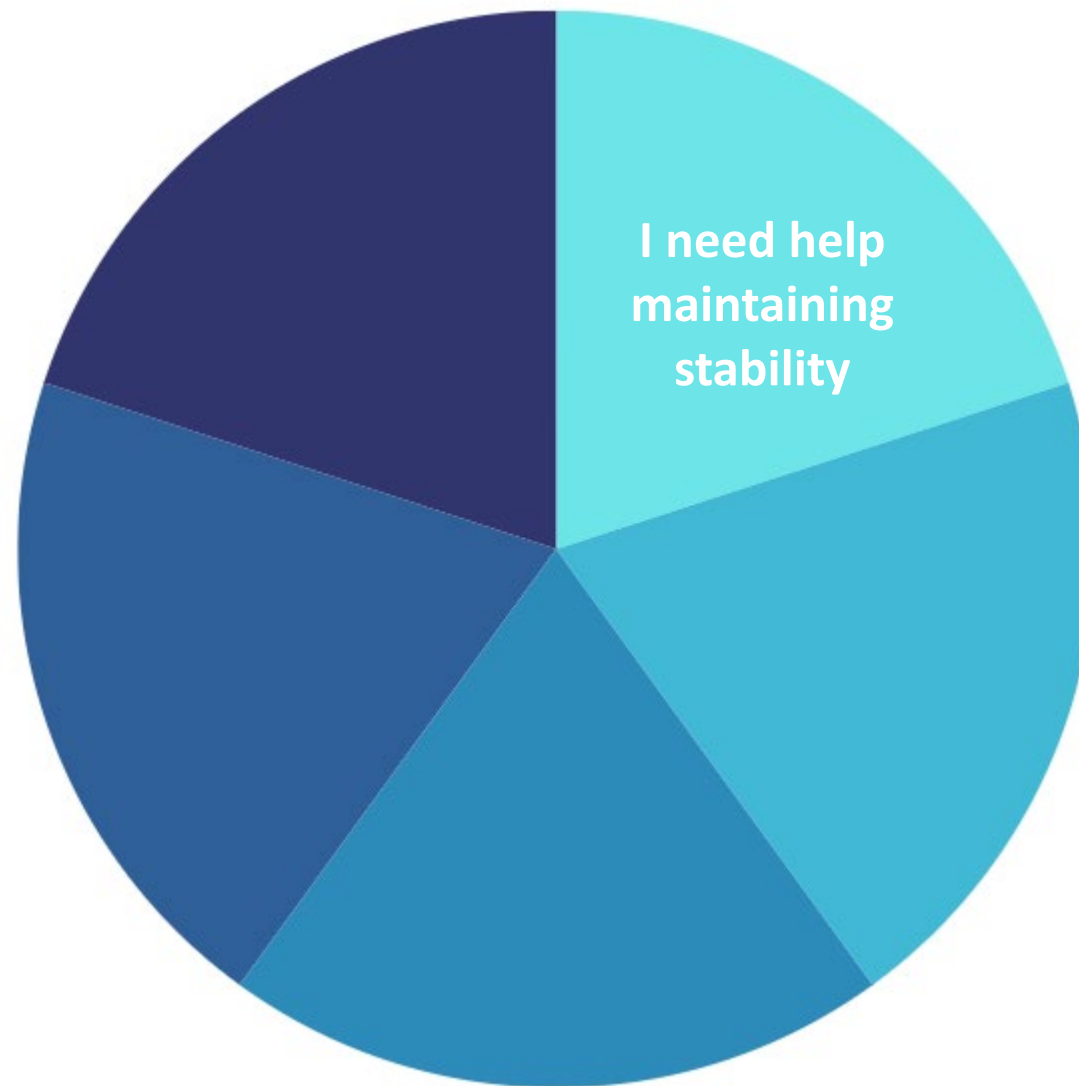


Housing Needs

Home Repair
Rental property maintenance and upkeep
Preservation of affordable units

Other Needs

Childcare
Steady income



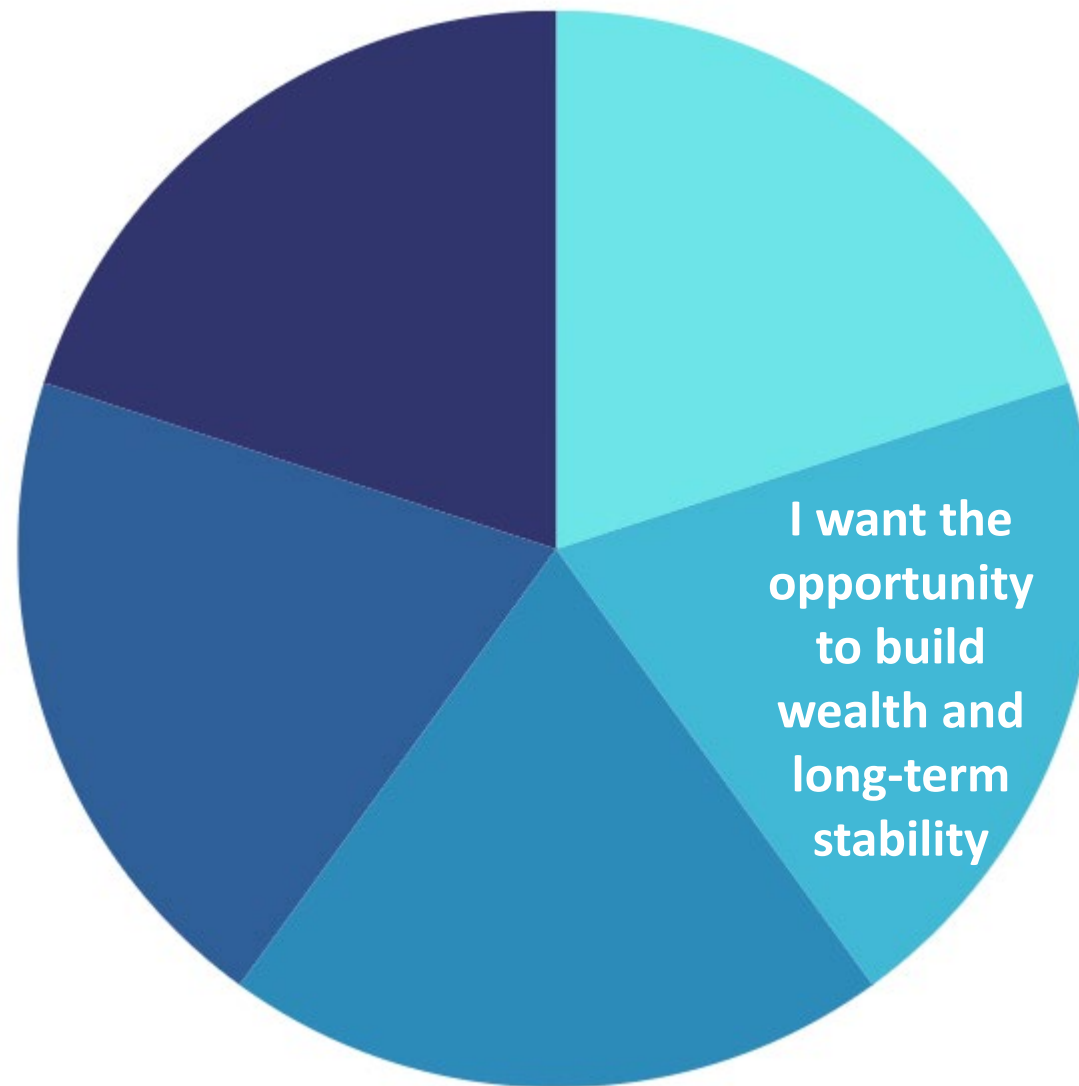


Housing Needs

Affordable home ownership opportunities
Down payment assistance

Other Needs

Training and education
Access to higher-paying jobs



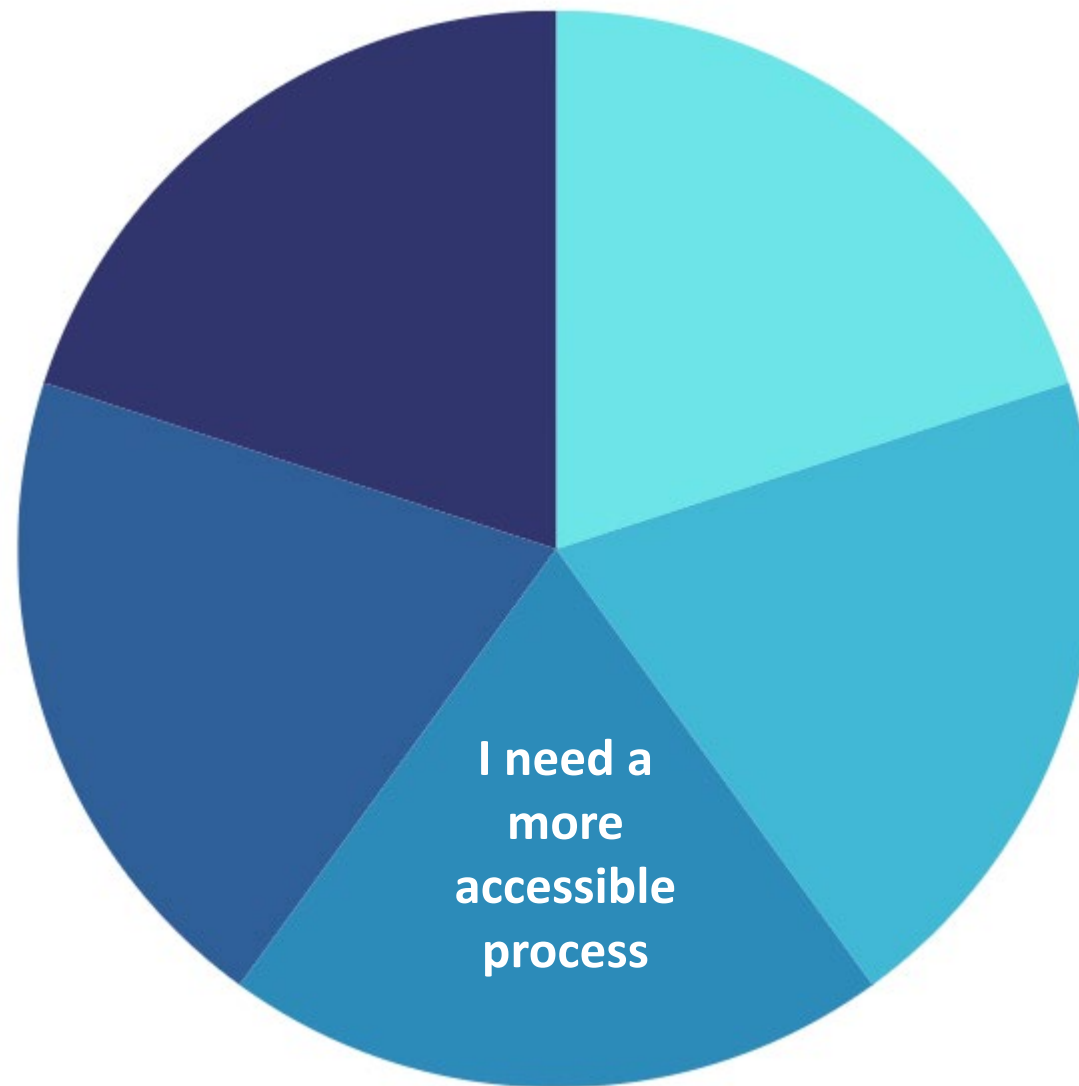


Housing Needs

Where do I go for help?
What services are available to me?
Who can I talk to?

Other Needs

Universal/cross-departmental information
and application process



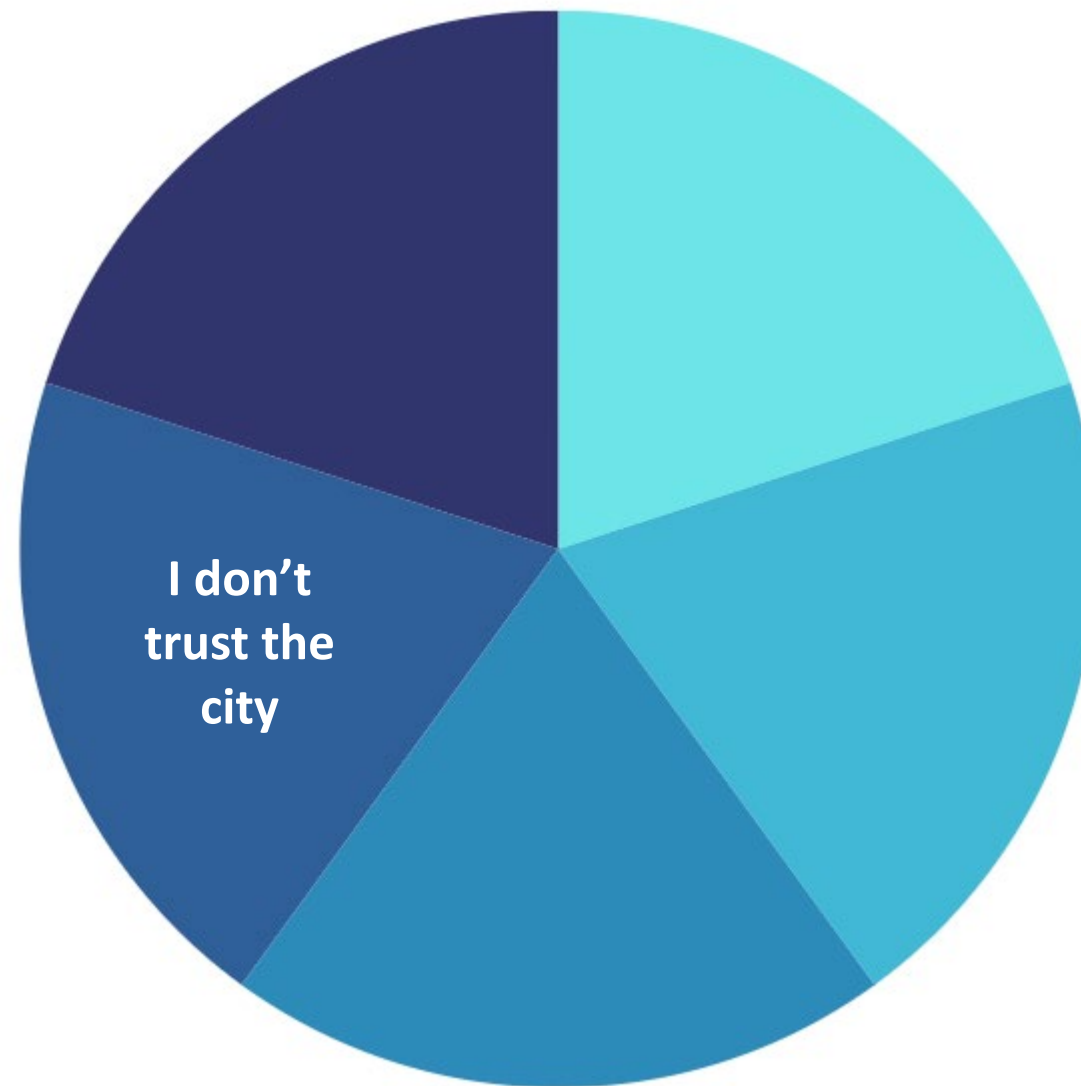


Housing Needs

Transparency in how decisions are made
about housing programs

Other Needs

Collaboration across departments





SPEAKUP *Austin!*

www.SpeakUpAustin.org/MyCommunityNeeds

☐ **Share your input:**

- **Online Survey:** Priorities and comments can be submitted at www.SpeakUpAustin.org/mycommunityneeds
- **Paper Survey:** Visit your local library to pick up a paper copy of the survey.
- **Text:** To receive the survey questions on your mobile device, text MyCommunity to 73224
- **Phone:** 512-974-3155
- **Email:** housing@austintexas.gov
- **Mail:** 1000 E 11th St, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78702

☐ **Attend a public hearing:**

- 10:00 AM Thursday, March 7, 2024: Austin City Council
- 6:30 PM Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Community Development Commission

☐ **Spread the word:** Share information with the community members you serve using our amplification kit.

☐ **Host a conversation** or request a meeting by emailing Julie.Smith@austintexas.gov

Community Needs Assessment Period

February 5 – March 15

- Online and print surveys
- 40+ conversations with community groups & organizations

Public Comment Period

Tuesday May 7	First Day of Public Comment Period (Draft Consolidated Plan Published)
Tuesday May 14	Community Development Commission - Public Hearing
Thursday May 30	City Council – Public Hearing
Wednesday June 5	Last Day of Public Comment Period





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Questions?
Requests for Follow Up?

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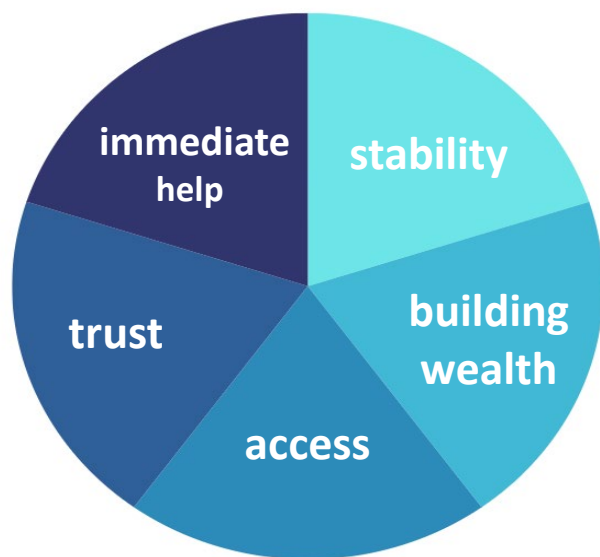
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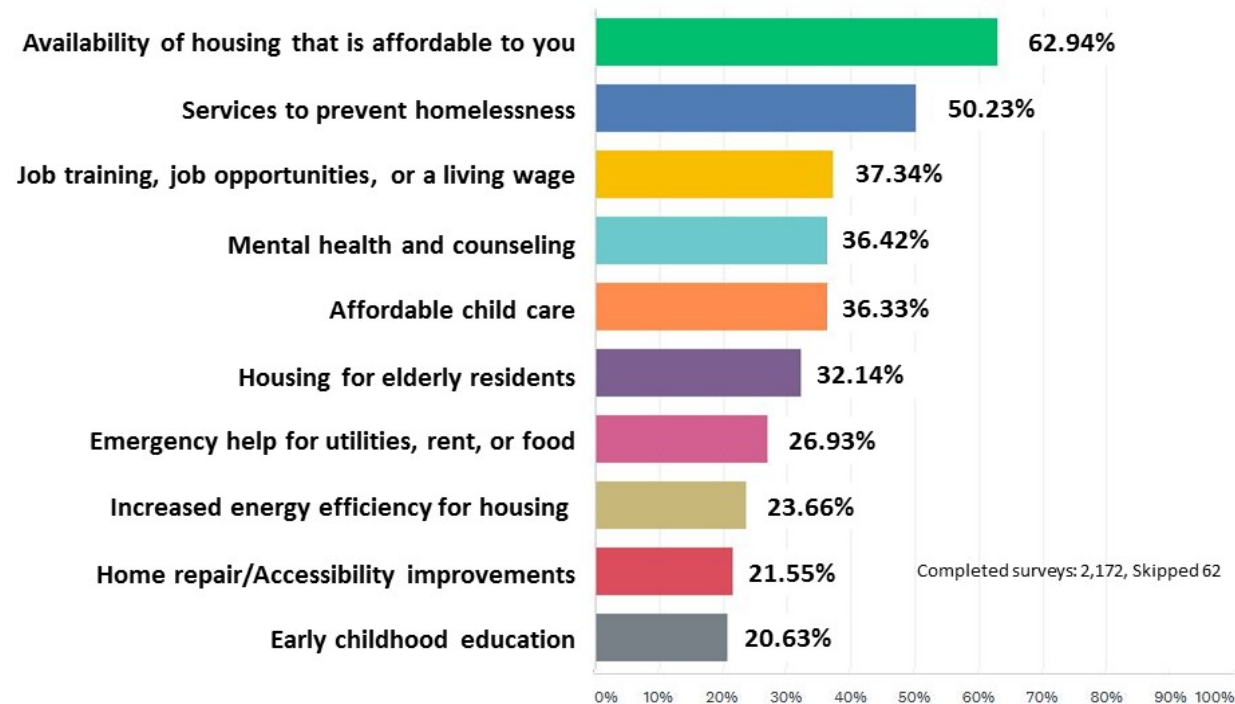
Discussion

- What is most important now?
- What is missing?



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Appendix



Community Meetings

Feb 5 – March 15

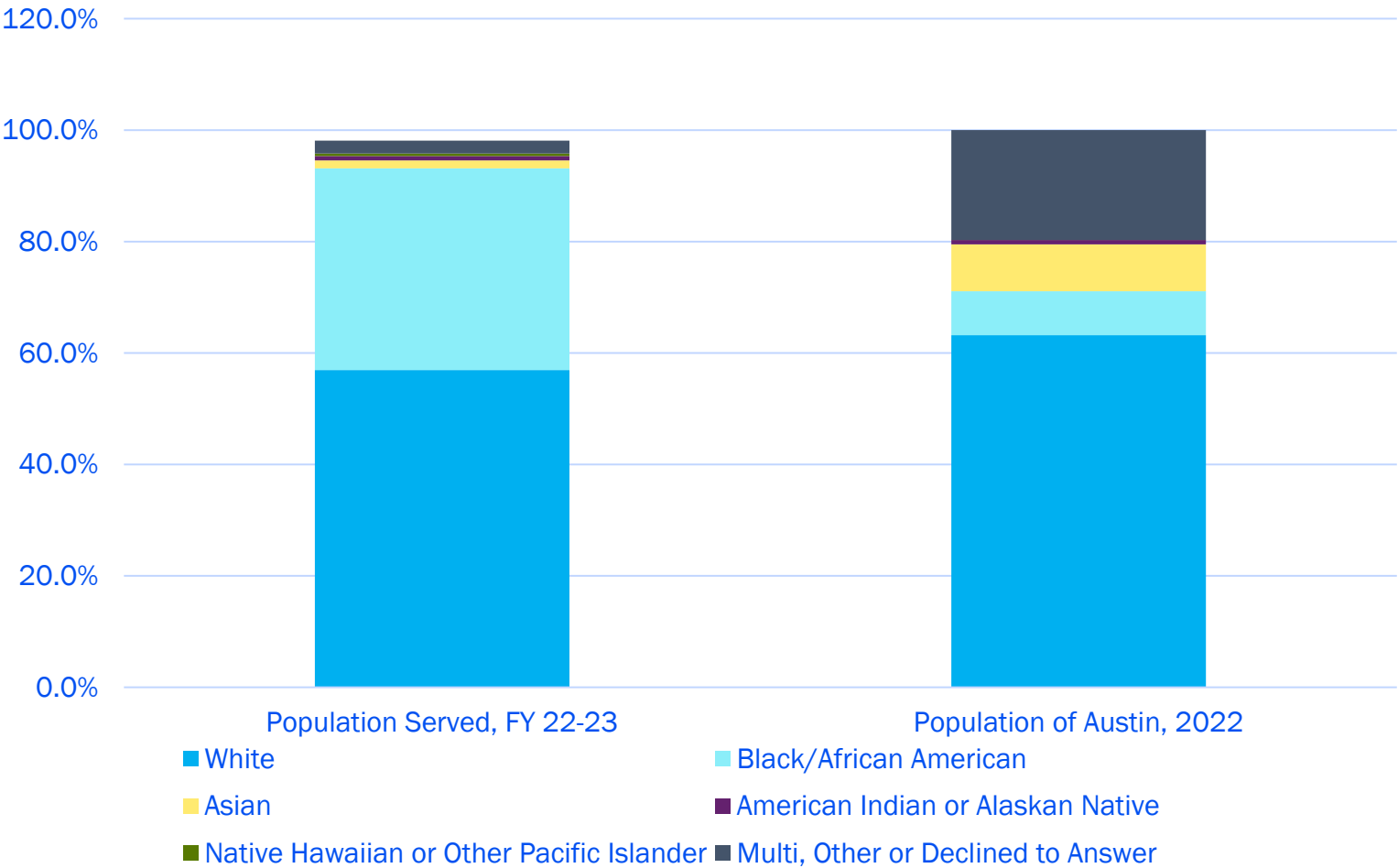
Monday February 5	Start of Community Needs Assessment – Public Input/Speak Up page launches, press releases sent out
Tuesday January 23	Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission
Monday February 5	ECHO Leadership Council
Tuesday February 6	African American Resource Advisory Commission
Thursday February 8	Integral Care
Friday February 9	LifeWorks
Monday February 12	LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Commission
Tuesday February 13	Austin Home Repair Coalition
Tuesday February 13	Community Development Commission – Conduct a Public Hearing for Community Needs
Wednesday February 14	Early Childhood Council
Wednesday February 14	Commission on Aging
Wednesday February 21	Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Wednesday February 21	Commission on Veteran Affairs
Wednesday February 21	AISD Project HELP
Thursday, February 22	Google Fiber (Broadband Provider)
Monday February 26	HIV Planning Council
Wednesday February 28	Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)
Monday March 4	SAFE Alliance
Thursday March 7	City Council – Conduct a Public Hearing for Community Needs
Thursday March 7	Central Health
Thursday March 7	City of Austin Staff: Displacement Prevention
Friday March 8	Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
Tuesday March 12	Caritas
Tuesday March 12	Community Development Commission – Conduct a Public Hearing for Community Needs
Wednesday March 13	Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission (CTTC)
Friday March 15	End of Community Needs Assessment



Populations Served



Population of Austin vs. Population Served by Race*



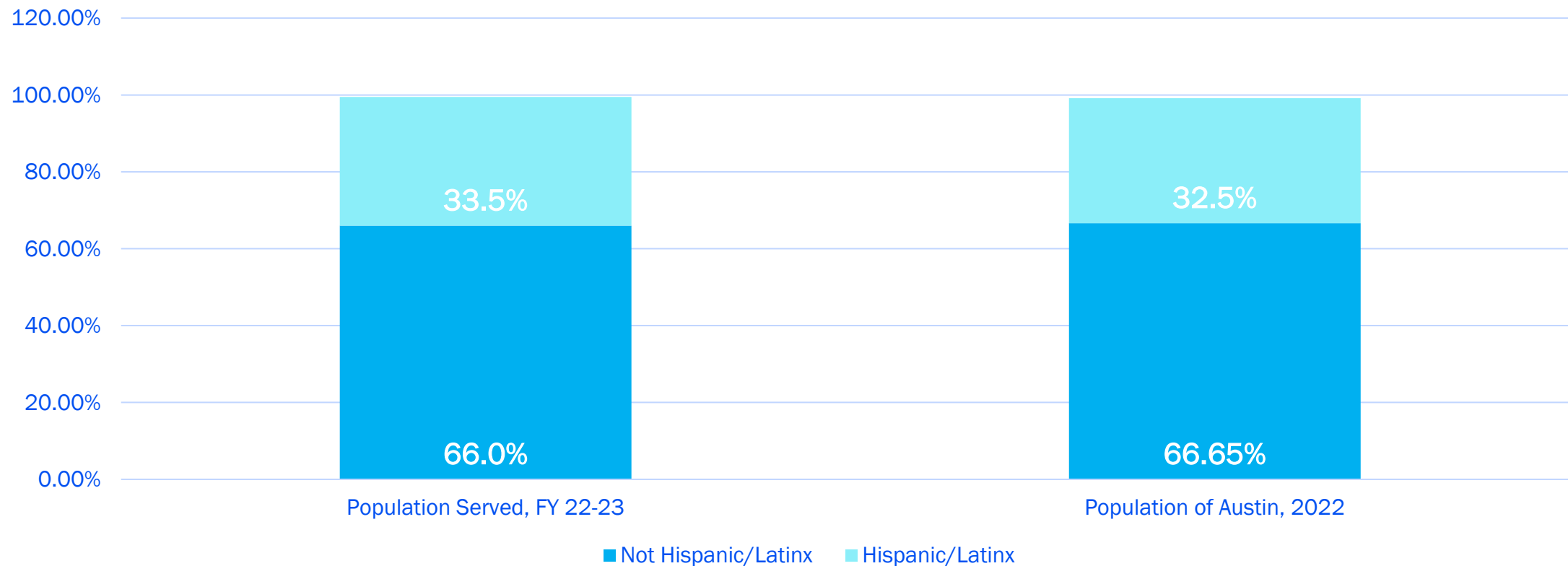
	Population Served, FY 22-23	Population of Austin, 2022
White Alone	57.0%	63.2%
Black/African American Alone	36.2%	7.9%
Asian Alone	1.4%	8.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native Alone	0.8%	0.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	0.4%	0.001%
Multi, Other or Declined to State	2.3%	19.7%

*Excludes CARES Act-funded services

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2022
ACS 5-Year Estimates; City of
Austin FY 22-23 CAPER



Population of Austin vs. Population Served by Ethnicity*



*Excludes CARES Act-funded services



Austin Public Health Programming Update

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SOCIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS ADMINISTRATION MANAGER,

AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH



Emergency Solutions Grant

ESG Program Budget and Spending

- FY 22/23 program budget* was \$669,074.00 and has a current balance of \$3,572.81.

Category	Combined/Amended	YTD	Balance
Shelter	\$313,922.00	\$313,922.00	\$0
Rapid Rehousing	\$290,587.00	\$290,587.00	\$0
HMIS	\$27,184.00	\$23,611.19	\$3,572.81
Admin	\$36,381.00	\$36,381.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$668,074.00	\$613,126.47	\$3,572.81

*The ESG grant is a 2-year grant, so FY22-23 funds can be spent through 9/30/2024

ESG Program Budget and Spending

- FY 23/24 program budget* is \$658,196.00 and has no current expenditures.

Category	Combined/Amended	YTD	Balance
Shelter	\$313,922.00	\$0.00	\$313,922.00
Rapid Rehousing	\$291,274.00	\$45,794.95	\$245,479.05
HMIS	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
Admin	\$31,000.00	\$0.00	\$31,000.00
Total:	\$658,196.00	\$45,794.95	\$612,401.05

*The ESG grant is a 2-year grant, so FY23-24 funds can be spent through 9/30/2025

ESG-CV Program Budget and Spending

- FY 20/23 program budget was \$12,723,136.59 and has been fully expended

Category	Budget	YTD	Balance
Shelter	\$6,811,670.93	\$6,811,670.93	\$0.00
Rapid Rehousing	\$4,986,772.37	\$4,986,772.37	\$0.00
HMIS	\$30,651.73	\$30,651.73	\$0.00
Admin	\$894,041.56	\$894,041.56	\$0.00
Total:	\$12,723,136.59	\$11,965,419.72	\$0.00



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) FY22-23

HOPWA

WHAT IS HOPWA?

- The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- Transitional Grant Area (TGA) – Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties

HOPWA SERVICES IN AUSTIN TGA AREA IN FY22-23

- Short Term Supportive Housing - Hotel/Motel Assistance
- Housing Case Management
- Permanent Housing Placement
- Short Term Rental, Mortgage, & Utilities
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Facility Based Housing

Services in the Austin TGA Area in FY22-23

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- TBRA provides rent, mortgage, utility assistance, and assistance with shared housing arrangements to meet the urgent needs of eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The goal is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living of persons living with HIV/AIDS who access the program through HIV case management.

Facility Based Housing - Operations(FBH)

- Facility Base Transitional Housing provides eligible households with housing and supportive services to maintain stability and receive appropriate levels of care.

Short Term Rental, Mortgage, & Utilities (STRMU)

- STRMU provides short-term housing assistance to prevent homelessness of the renters or homeowners. It helps maintain a stable living environment for households who experience financial crisis and possible loss of their housing arrangement.

Services in the Austin TGA Area in FY22-23

Short Term Supportive Housing- Hotel/Motel Assistance (STSH)

- Hotel/Motel Assistance provides assistance with keeping vulnerable clients experiencing homelessness out of the street and help transition them to permanent housing.

Housing Case Management (HCM) / Supportive Services

- Housing Case Management assists eligible individuals in securing stabilize housing, long-term, permanent, and stable housing. Clients receive case management for clients and their families in long term need for stable secure permanent housing.

Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

- PHP helps prevent homelessness by supporting independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS. Persons can access the program through HIV case management. PHP assists eligible clients by helping to establish a new residence where on-going occupancy is expected to continue. Assistance is provided to eligible clients and their families with payment of first month's rent to secure permanent housing and will complement other forms of HOPWA housing assistance.

FY22-23 Goals & Outcomes

H/M Assistance

Goal: 38

Actual: 88

Budget: \$70,000
Expended: \$70,000

Housing Case Management

Goal: 125

Actual: 34

Budget: \$624,964
Expended: \$327,117

Permanent Housing Placement

Goal: 44

Actual: 22

Budget: \$46,296
Expended: \$17,428

*This is a 3-year grant, and ALL UNEXPENDED funds carry forth into grant year 2 – FY24.

TBRA

Goal: 75

Actual: 34

Budget: \$380,330
Expended: \$374,958

Facility Based Housing

Goal: 44

Actual: 40

Budget: \$645,650
Expended: \$349,550

STRMU

Goal: 132

Actual: 141

Budget: \$372,010
Expended: \$291,425

FFY24

(allocated/some contracts are under negotiation)

Grantee Admin	\$ 80,108.00	
AIDS Services Austin	\$ 1,018,881.00	Housing Case Mgmt, Permanent Housing Placement, STRMU, TBRA, Supportive Serv
ASHwell	\$ 59,578.00	STRMU
Project Transitions	\$ 1,358,508.00	FHB, Supportive Services
Austin/Travis County MHMR	\$ 153,203.00	PHP, STRMU, STSH
Total:	\$ 2,670,278.00	



Community Development Block Grant Public Services

CDBG Special Needs Assistance : Child Care

FY 22-23 Highlights

- 126 children served across all 3 programs

- **Child, Inc. – Early Head Start** – Provides affordable quality early childhood education to children up to three years of age.
 - Services were expanded through one additional classrooms at Overton Elementary School.
 - Hired a curriculum specialist to ensure instructional consistency between classrooms.
- **AISD – Teen Parent Child Care** – Provides affordable quality early childhood education to children up to five years of age so parents can attend middle or high school.
 - 83% of parenting students were academically successful.
 - Homebound Services Program added additional teachers to serve students with 6 weeks of at home instruction after child birth.
- **YWCA - Bridge Child Care Voucher** – Provides affordable accessible child care to children up to age 12.
 - Applicants were able to achieve long-term sustainable child care solutions where often few to no other options were available.

CDBG Special Needs Assistance : Mental Health Services

Integral Care - CDBG Youth Services:

- Program is designed to enhance the quality of life for youth ages 0-21 by offering intensive wrap-around services and increasing their participation in educational and cultural activities. Services include:
 - Assessments –psychological, psychiatric, speech/audiology, occupational, physical, functional/behavioral, and more
 - Treatments linked to assessments above; medication management, nursing, substance abuse counseling, psychosocial skills training
 - Self-sufficiency supports
 - Enrichment services – camp, after school program, skill development, tutoring, vocational training, life skills programs
 - Parental support and education
- Youth reside in Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction, with income (or their families' income) at or below 200% FPL

CDBG Special Needs Assistance : Mental Health Services (continued)

FY 22-23 Highlights

- 154 clients served
- Families in Care Coordination are truly receiving a rich variety of traditional and non-traditional support services, such as EMDR and trauma-informed therapy, crisis prevention and intervention, access to recreational and enriching activities for youth and their families, assistance with the legalization process, and many connections between families and accessible community resources and support.

CDBG Special Needs Assistance : Senior Services



Family Eldercare - CDBG Financial & Housing Stability:

- 191 clients served in FY22-23
- Serves people 55 years of age or older who have low income and live within Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction
- Provides financial and housing-focused services that promote aging in place and prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors.
 - case management
 - bill payer services
 - general public benefits enrollment assistance or specialized assistance for SSI/SSDI income
 - housing stabilization services including rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and housing retention.

CDBG-CV Special Needs Assistance : Childcare for Essential Workers

Service Provider – Workforce Solutions

Program pays for emergency childcare for essential workers with low to moderate income and provides information to families on licensed childcare providers.

Services include weekday, overnight and weekend childcare for children ages 0-13, or older children with special needs.

FY 22-23 Highlights

- 281 clients served
- The CDBG-CV maximum income limit of 80% MFI is higher than the limits set by Texas Workforce Commission's Childcare and Development Fund (CCDF), which enabled the CDBG-CV program to serve 59 returning clients and 12 new clients within Austin Full Purpose Jurisdiction who may not have otherwise qualified for childcare assistance.
- 163 clients were rolled over to a more financially stable Childcare Development Fund scholarship program ensuring the essential worker's vital work within the community could continue.

CDBG Special Needs Assistance : Senior Services (continued)

FY 22-23 Highlights

- 288 clients served
- Family Eldercare core financial and housing stability program nearly doubled the number of clients enrolled from the previous contract year, increasing the benefits enrollment and case management services to low-income older adults in the Austin area.
- Housing instability among local older adults and persons with disabilities has exponentially increased, and Family Eldercare's staff have been working strategically to accommodate the increased need through allocating more staff with specialized training.

CDBG & CDBG-CV Public Services Program Budget and Spending

- FY22-23 CDBG budget was \$824,398 with \$201,497 remaining in childcare. Unspent funds in childcare were due to low staffing at agencies and one underperforming agency who is not continuing in FY23-24. FY23-24 funds will be spent between AISD and Child Inc.
- FY22-23 CDBG-CV budget was underspent due to a delay in contract implementation and low staffing. Despite the delay, contract met all performance goals and is expected to expend all ongoing funds in future budgets.

Category	FY22-23 Amount	FY22-23 Expended	FY22-23 Balance	FY23-24 Budget
Childcare	\$499,167	\$297,670	\$201,497	\$485,236
Senior Services	\$129,052	\$129,052	\$0	\$129,052
Mental Health	\$196,179	\$196,179	\$0	\$196,179
Childcare - CV	\$1,750,109	\$1,703,179	\$46,930	\$46,930



Program Performance



Five-Year Goals & Outcomes (4 Years In)

Homelessness Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Households Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	354	55%	\$3,359,361
Rapid Rehousing	293	50%	\$1,160,918
Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	1387	27%	\$1,209,692

Renters Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Households Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
Tenants' Rights Assistance	1,266	47%	\$1,080,444
Architectural Barrier Removal - Renter	4	11%	\$59,538

Homebuyer Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Households Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
Down Payment Assistance	116	93%	\$4,359,688

Housing Development Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Households Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA)	124	157%	\$9,581,180
Ownership Housing Development Assistance (OHDA)	12	29%	\$617,477



Five-Year Goals & Outcomes (4 Years In)

Special Needs Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Households Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
CDBG Public Services (Childcare, Senior Services, Mental Health Services)	1,926	76%	\$2,748,392
Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Services	1,245	78%	\$7,239,215

Other Community Development Assistance

Program	FY 19-24 Household/ Businesses Served	% Annual 5-Year Goal Met	Funds Expended
Family Business Loan Program	54	28%	\$1,355,974
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Expenses	6	33%	\$345,434



One-Year Goals & Outcomes

CARES Act Programming: CDBG-CV

Program	FY 22-23 Households Served	Total Households Served by Program Since Start	% Goal Served for Program Since Start
Childcare Services (on going)	281	508	172%

CARES Act Programming: ESG-CV

Program	FY 22-23 Households Served	Total Households Served by Program Since Start	% Goal Served for Program Since Start
Rapid Rehousing (completed in FY 22-23)	719	1056	95%
Temporary Emergency Shelter (completed in FY 22-23)	172	554	109%

CARES Act Programming: HOPWA-CV

Program	FY 22-23 Households Served	Total Households Served by Program Since Start	% Goal Served for Program Since Start
HOPWA-CV Programs	3	86	68%