



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20240326-XXX) (XXX is the agenda item number): Housing Stabilization

Budget Recommendation

WHEREAS, many low-income families may be one hardship away from losing housing or other basic needs; and

WHEREAS, the majority of zip codes where the median family income is 60% MFI and below are areas with high populations of Latine residents; and

WHEREAS, Latine Austinites face high levels of housing insecurity, creating an even heavier burden on other household expenses such as food, utilities, costs associated with schooling, medical expenses, and childcare; and

WHEREAS, falling behind on rent and getting evicted leads to increased barriers to accessing stable housing in the future and often leads to Austinites falling into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, having access to one-time direct cash assistance to use for emergency needs outside of rental, mortgage, or tax payments could help alleviate emergency gaps that force households to choose between paying for rent/mortgage or covering other essential expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission encourages the Austin City Council to allocate funds towards launching an emergency supplemental assistance pilot program for low-income residents.

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote:

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)