



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20240326-11
Supporting Women who Live in Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)
Communities**

Date: March 26, 2024

Subject: FY24 Budget Recommendations

Motioned By: Commissioner Perales

Seconded By: Commissioner Neri

Recommendation

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission recommends supporting programs and events for women living in Austin Housing Authority communities.

Description of Recommendation to Council

- Allocate \$50,000 to support empowerment programs and opportunities for women living in HACA communities
 - \$25,000 in scholarships for women to attend the Annual Women Conference
 - \$25,000 to hold group events and workshops throughout the year

Rationale

The Annual Women Conference is held in April. Women from all HACA units in Travis County gather for an empowerment event.

Women empowerment should not be limited to one conference. Events and workshops should also be held throughout the year. iMOMS is an organization that empowers single mothers, grandmothers, and sisters who live in Austin Housing Authority communities. iMOMS started as a small group of 20 women who came together to support each other during the pandemic. The group has grown to 64 women. The group provides resources, information, and skills that help women rise and achieve their goals.

Vote: 6-2

For: Commissioner Neri, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Afifi, Commissioner Perales, Commissioner Galvan, Commissioner Jackson Jr.

Against: None

Abstain: Commissioner Castañeda, Commissioner Vargas

Absent: Commissioner May, Commissioner Maldonado

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Afifi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda Afifi, Chair