



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION**

Date: June 3, 2024

Subject: Public Safety Department Budget Recommendations

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS, The Austin Public Safety Commission is tasked with reviewing public safety agency budgets and providing recommendations to the Austin City Council;

WHEREAS, The Austin Fire Department, Austin Travis County EMS, and Austin Police Department provided backup materials and briefings at the June 2024 Public Safety Commission meeting on their FY24-25 forecasted budgets and unfunded budget priorities;

WHEREAS, representatives from The Austin Firefighters Association, The Austin Emergency Medical Services Association and the Austin Police Association provided briefings on their budget priorities for the FY24-25 fiscal year

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commission has discussed topics with additional city departments and community organizations that coordinate with our public safety departments throughout the year;

WHEREAS, The Austin Public Safety Commission was additionally briefed and provided backup materials by the Downtown Austin Community Court on results of its Mobile Court Pilot Program and requests for ongoing funding;

WHEREAS, throughout the course of those discussions various departments have expressed programmatic and departmental needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Public Safety Commission recommends that the Austin City Council allocate funds and explore all available means to incorporate the following public safety related priorities into the FY24-25 Budget:

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**Austin Fire Department**

Item	Funding requested
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TOTAL

**Austin Travis County EMS**

Item	Funding requested
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TOTAL

**Austin Police Department**

Item	Funding requested
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TOTAL

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Safety Commission recommends that the

Austin City Council, the Austin Police Department and the City Manager's office reallocate a portion of the approximate 342 sworn vacancy budget<sup>1</sup>, temporarily or otherwise, to alleviate the workload of APD's current sworn officers with retired officers, unsworn staff, and other solutions where and when appropriate.

**Vote:**

For:

Absent:

Attest:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://services.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=425886>