

# City of Austin Action Plan *Community Needs Assessment*

Discussion on community needs and spending priorities for  
the FY 25-26 Action Plan for federal grants.

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

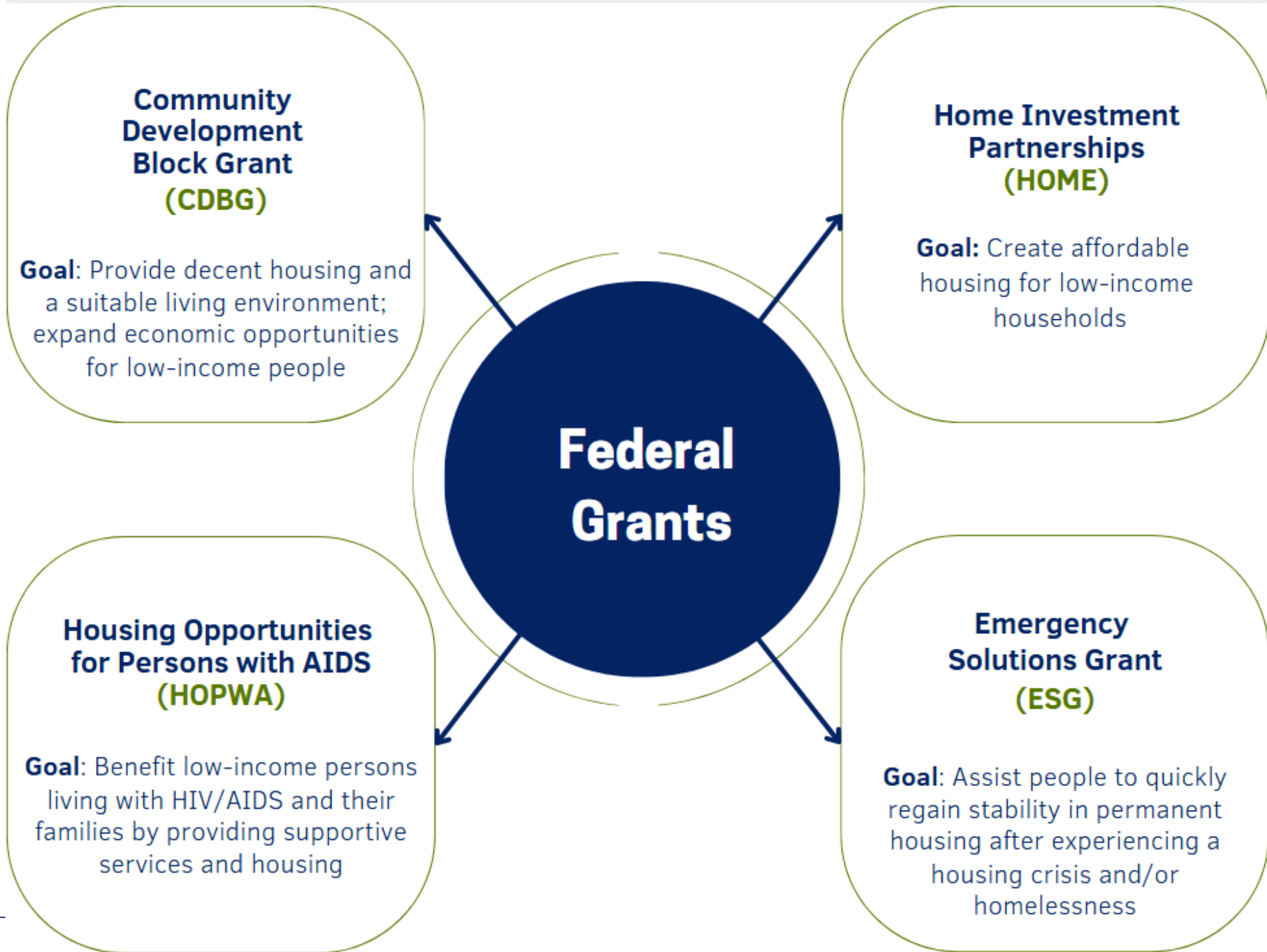
The City of Austin applies for approximately \$14 million in annual grant entitlements across four grants for affordable housing, community development, economic development, and public services. These grants are part of a 5-year cycle.














# HUD Funding Sources





# Programs & Activities Overview FY 23-24

|   | Community Development<br>Block Grant<br>(CDBG)  | Home Investment<br>Partnerships<br>(HOME)  | Housing Opportunities for<br>Persons with AIDS<br>(HOPWA)  | Emergency Solutions<br>Grants<br>(ESG) |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | \$7,362,354   | \$2,881,588  | \$2,670,278  | \$658,196                              |
|  <b>RENTER ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$478,886</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Architectural Barrier Removal</li> <li>Tenants' Rights Assistance</li> </ul>                                   |  |  |  |
|  <b>HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$1,872,830</b>                     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down Payment Assistance</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|  <b>HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$3,287,001</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Architectural barrier removal</li> <li>Home repair programs</li> <li>Homeowner rehabilitation loans</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
|  <b>HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$2,366,991</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental &amp; Ownership Housing Development Assistance</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental &amp; Ownership Housing Development Assistance</li> </ul>                      |  |  |
|  <b>HOMELESS ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$1,706,768</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Facilities</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rapid Rehousing Programs</li> <li>Shelter Operations &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>Homeless Management Information System</li> </ul>   |  |
|  <b>SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$3,480,745</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare</li> <li>Mental Health Services</li> <li>Senior Services</li> </ul>                                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short-term housing support</li> <li>Housing Case Management</li> <li>Permanent Housing Placement</li> <li>Facility Based Housing</li> <li>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</li> </ul> |  |
|  <b>OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE</b><br><b>\$3,306,116</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Business Loan Program</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating expense grants</li> </ul> |  |  |



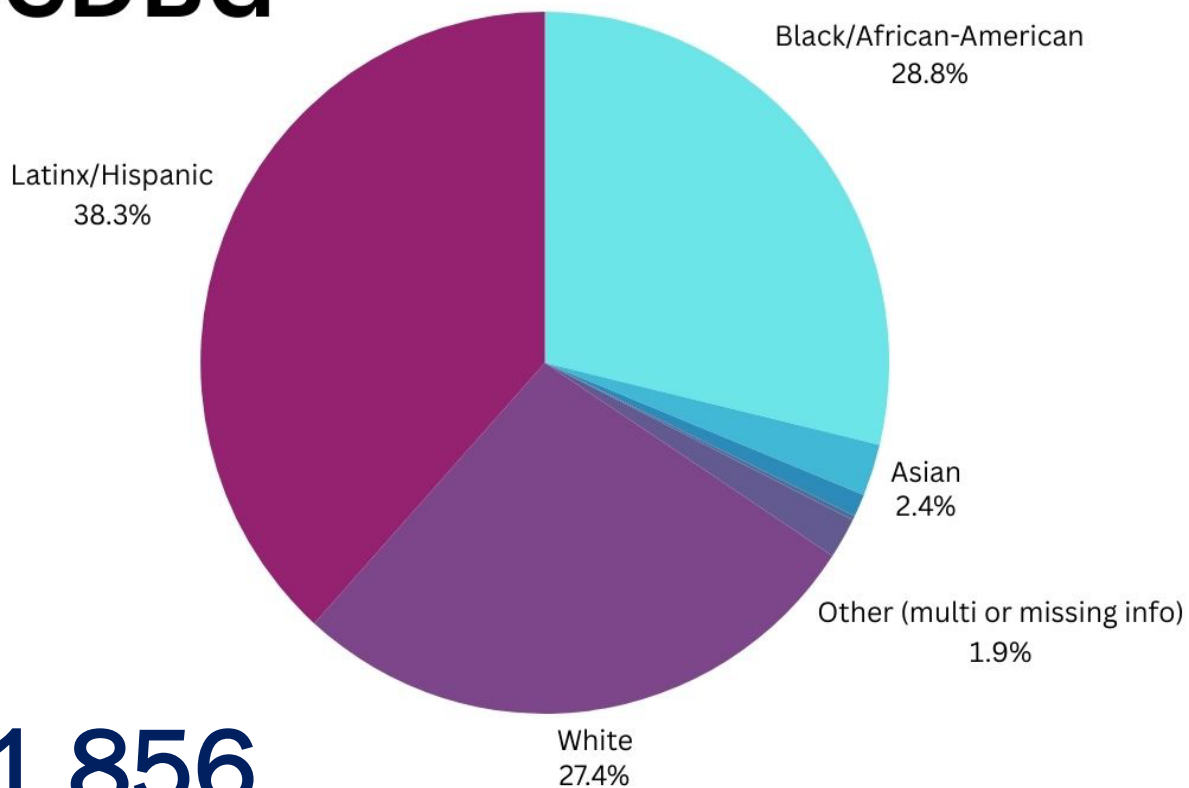
## Goals & Outcomes

FY 23-24

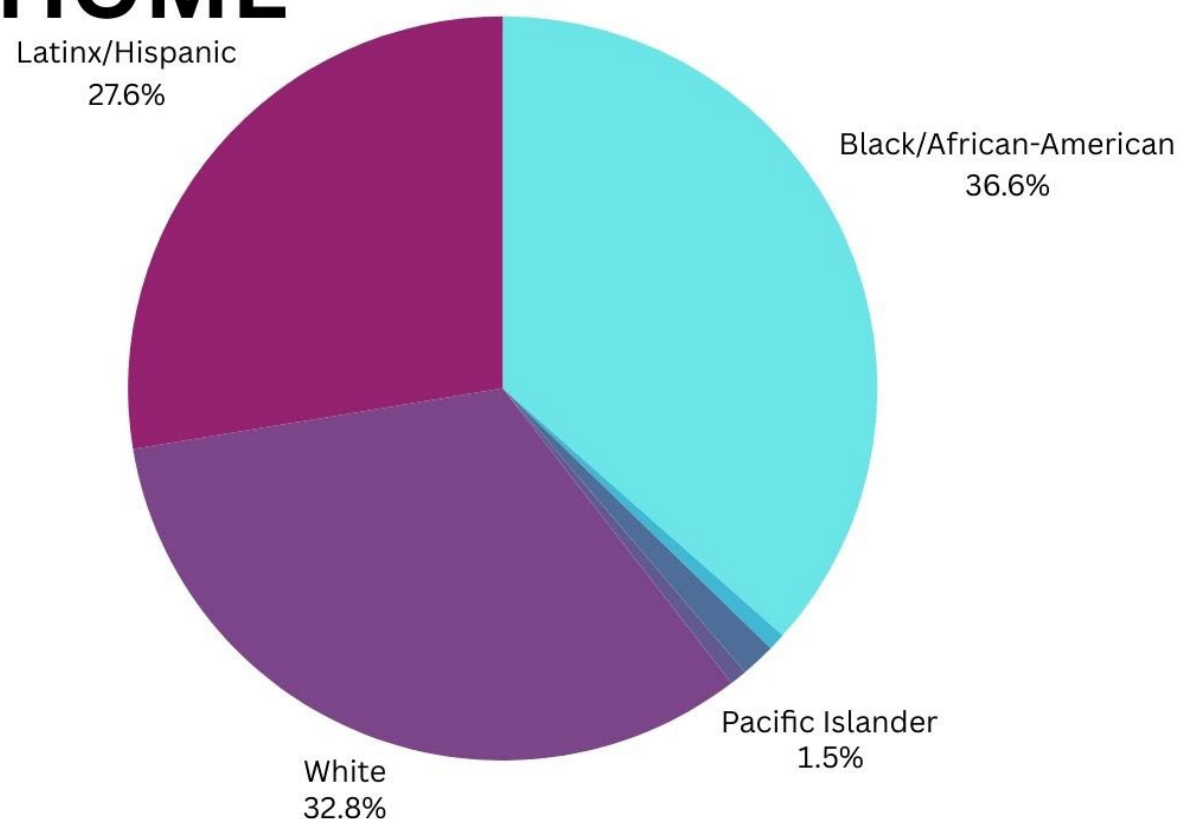
| Program                                     | Goal                 | Outcome         | Funding Spent |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| HOME REPAIR & REHABILITATION                | 319 households       | 190 households  | \$2,363,834   |
| TENANTS' RIGHTS ASSISTANCE                  | 300 individuals      | 274 individuals | \$206,023     |
| RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNHOUSED              | 120 individuals      | 116 individuals | \$1,467,010   |
| DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE                     | 25 households        | 29 households   | \$2,927,387   |
| RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT                  | 4 units              | 4 units         | \$1,553,529   |
| OWNERSHIP HOUSING DEVELOPMENT               | 2 units              | 3 units         | \$270,140     |
| COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS | 2 organizations      | 2 organizations | \$100,000     |
| SHELTER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE            | 375 individuals      | 515 individuals | \$313,922     |
| HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM      | \$22,000 budgeted    | -               | \$11,073      |
| RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAMS                    | 108 recipients       | 34 recipients   | \$284,197     |
| PUBLIC FACILITIES                           |                      |                 | \$5,534,681   |
| CHILD CARE SERVICES                         | 180 recipients       | 137 recipients  | \$462,184     |
| SENIOR SERVICES                             | 175 clients          | 158 clients     | \$129,052     |
| SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS    | 456 individuals      | 351 individuals | \$1,375,838   |
| MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES                      | 159 recipients       | 149 recipients  | \$196,179     |
| CHDO OPERATING EXPENSES GRANTS              | 2 grants             | 2 grants        | \$100,000     |
| FAMILY BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM                | 33 jobs              | 49 jobs         | \$1,521,000   |
| ADMINISTRATION ACROSS ALL GRANTS            | \$1,943,765 budgeted | -               | \$1,617,929   |

# Who Did We Serve?

## CDBG



## HOME



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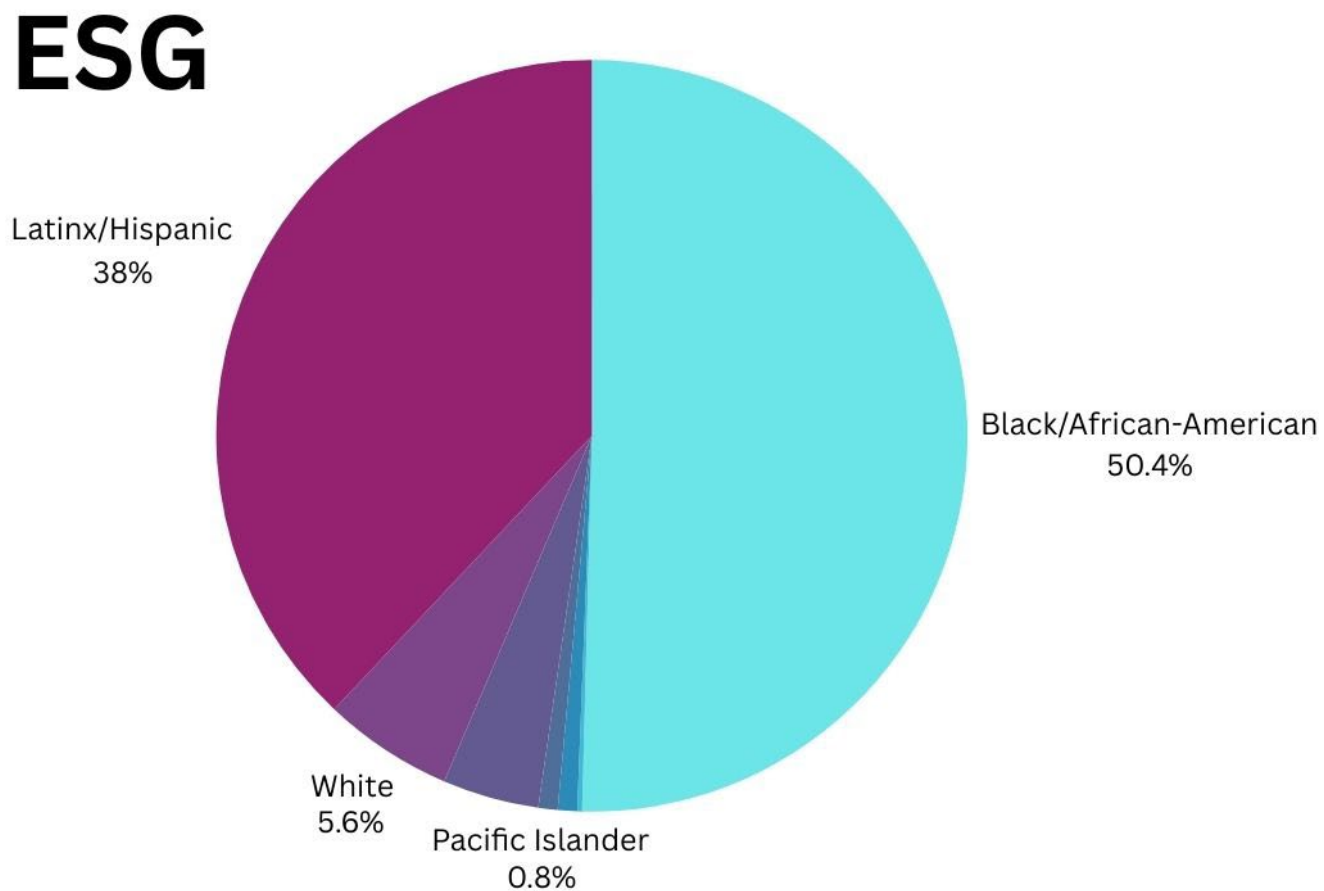
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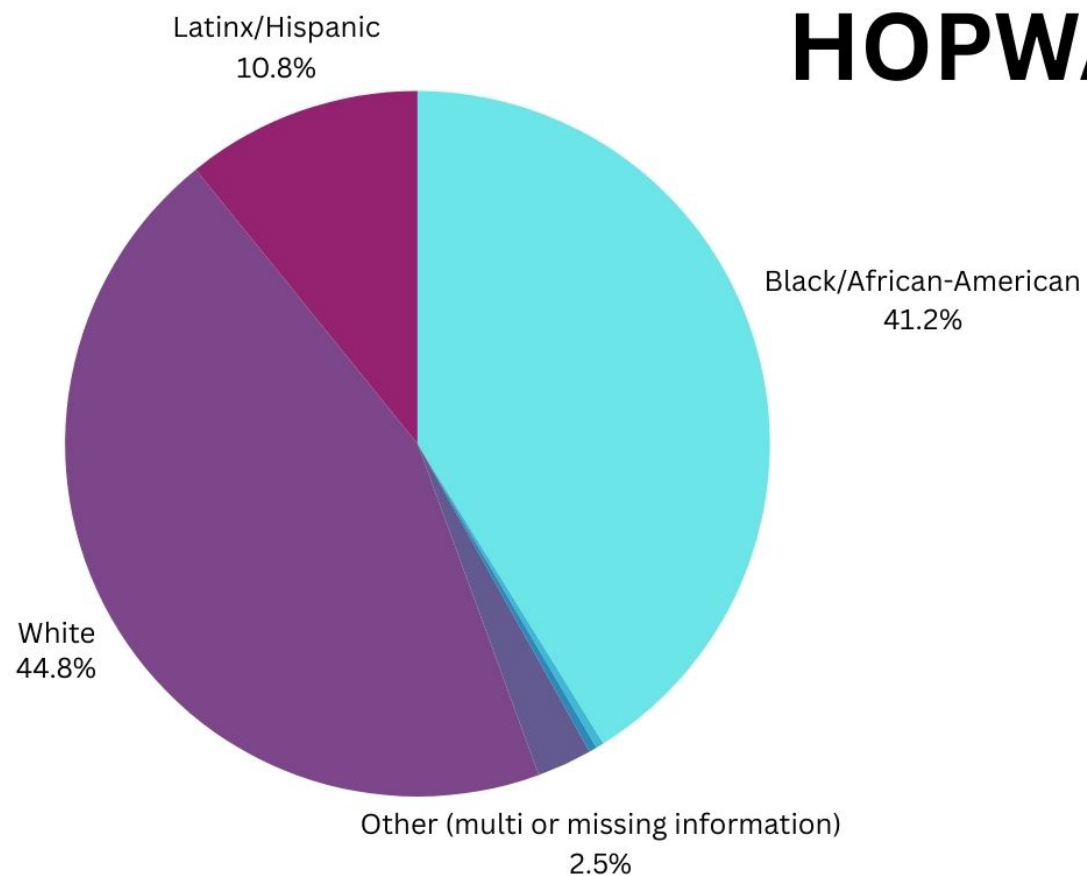
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## ESG



## HOPWA







# Who Did We Serve?

| Income Level                            | Number of Households<br>(Individuals or Families)<br>Served by CDBG Housing<br>Projects | Number of Households<br>(Individuals or Families)<br>Served by HOME Housing<br>Projects |
|---|---|---|
| Extremely Low-income ( $\leq 30\%$ MFI) | 79  | 83  |
| Low-income (31-50% MFI)                 | 43  | 31  |
| Moderate-income (51-80% MFI)            | 35  | 20  |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>157</b>  | <b>134</b>  |

2024 Median  
Income for  
family of 4:  
**\$126,000**

| Income<br>Limit | 1 Person  | 2 Persons | 3 Persons | 4 Persons | 5 Persons  | 6 Persons  | 7 Persons  | 8 Persons  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 20%             | \$ 17,650 | \$ 20,150 | \$ 22,700 | \$ 25,200 | \$ 27,200  | \$ 29,250  | \$ 31,250  | \$ 33,250  |
| <b>* 30%</b>    | \$ 26,500 | \$ 30,250 | \$ 34,050 | \$ 37,800 | \$ 40,850  | \$ 43,850  | \$ 47,340  | \$ 52,720  |
| 40%             | \$ 35,300 | \$ 40,300 | \$ 45,350 | \$ 50,400 | \$ 54,450  | \$ 58,450  | \$ 62,500  | \$ 66,550  |
| <b>* 50%</b>    | \$ 44,100 | \$ 50,400 | \$ 56,700 | \$ 63,000 | \$ 68,050  | \$ 73,100  | \$ 78,150  | \$ 83,200  |
| <b>* 60%</b>    | \$ 52,920 | \$ 60,480 | \$ 68,040 | \$ 75,600 | \$ 81,660  | \$ 87,720  | \$ 93,780  | \$ 99,840  |
| 65%             | \$ 57,350 | \$ 65,500 | \$ 73,700 | \$ 81,900 | \$ 88,450  | \$ 95,000  | \$ 101,550 | \$ 108,100 |
| 70%             | \$ 61,750 | \$ 70,550 | \$ 79,400 | \$ 88,200 | \$ 95,250  | \$ 102,300 | \$ 109,350 | \$ 116,400 |
| <b>* 80%</b>    | \$ 68,500 | \$ 78,250 | \$ 88,050 | \$ 97,800 | \$ 105,650 | \$ 113,450 | \$ 121,300 | \$ 129,100 |





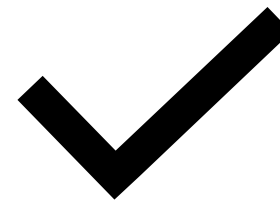
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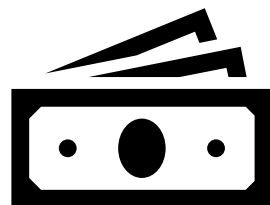
HUD Annual Entitlement Grants



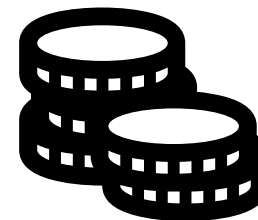
Housing Trust Fund



Approved City Bonds



City Operating Budget



Project Connect  
Anti-Displacement Funds



# 2024 Community Needs Assessment

## Feedback from Boards & Commissions

### Transparency & Accountability

What is the total funding for housing programs?  
What has changed since you came to us last?  
How are you holding partners accountable?

### Outreach and Engagement

How are you reaching our community?

### Data and Impact

How great is the need?  
How are you serving our community?

### Funding Possibilities

Programs and projects specific to each community

### Disappointment and Distrust

More questions than input  
Calls for accountability

## Hispanic /Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission

The commissioners expressed a desire to **understand more about the full budget** for the Housing Department and all of its funding sources. They wanted to know how great the need is, what resources were available to address the needs, and **what gaps exist** for people applying for services and not being served. They expressed the importance of **talking directly with recipients of services** and not just the staff of service providers. **Language access** was discussed as an important element in connecting with community members



# 2024 Community Needs Assessment



The City asks for your input on a new 5 year plan to fund housing and public services!

## 2024 Needs Assessment Consultations

City staff met with community leaders from 57 groups and organizations throughout the 2024 Needs Assessment process. This included:

- 13 [Boards and Commissions](#)
- 18 [Service Providers](#)
- 10 [Coalitions and Conveners](#)
- 8 [Government & Regional Partners](#)
- 8 [City Departments](#)

For each meeting, staff gave a brief presentation that included an explanation of the needs assessment process, a summary of needs that the Housing Department has compiled from community input over the past several years, and an overview of the programs federal dollars have previously funded. Meeting participants had an opportunity to ask questions, provide ideas, and raise concerns about how the City's programs and engagement processes address the needs of low-to-moderate-income Austinites. Staff also promoted public outreach opportunities related to the Consolidated Plan.

| Feedback                           | Progress and Commitments  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Data and Impact                    | New policy and data team in Housing Department  |
| Transparency                       | New Housing Hub on Speak Up Austin, with impact of feedback as core component<br><a href="http://www.SpeakUpAustin.org/HousingHub">www.SpeakUpAustin.org/HousingHub</a>   |
| Outreach to vulnerable communities | New evergreen survey, which can easily be taken out into the community<br><br>Commitment to more targeted outreach and improved partnerships with community organizations |
| Language Access                    | Currently updating our language access plan to be proactive instead of reactive   |

# Discussion about Priorities: What is most important to your community right now?



## What are the greatest needs in your neighborhood or community?

