Austin Public Health Report on PY26 Community Action Plan

MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

TOP 5 NEEDS: Housing; Basic Needs; Employment; Health; Income

Community Services Block Grant
2026 Contract
Programmatic/Financial Report
November 10th, 2026

The Community Services Block Grant funds the delivery of services to low-income Texas residents in all 254 counties. These funds support a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of community action agencies.

For the City of Austin, the grant provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services through the City's seven (7) Neighborhood Centers.

Mission: *The Neighborhood Services Unit aims to improve the lives and health of people experiencing poverty by providing public health and social services and connecting residents of Austin and Travis County to community resources.*

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, car safety education and car seats, tax preparation, fans, Thanksgiving food baskets and other seasonal activities);
- **Preventive Health** (screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar including a1C, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers and diabetes case management);
- **Case Management** (individual/family support counseling, advocacy, self-sufficiency case management, crisis intervention, linkages with employers, educational opportunities and training, and working with individuals on quality-of-life issues);
- **Employment Support** (intake, assessment and goal setting, job readiness training, job placement assistance, and job retention services)

Expenditures Categories	2026 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures through 9/30/26	Percent of Total
Personnel	$	$576,556.03	
Fringe Benefits	$	$322,384.29	
Other	$	$	
Total	**$1,148,214**	**$898,940.32**	**78%**

Neighborhood Services Unit Success Stories

From the social worker's own words:

Client enrolled in the Self-Sufficiency Case Management Program at the St. John Neighborhood Center. They were referred to get help with finding better employment. At the time, client was working part-time as a security guard but wanted assistance looking for full time employment. Their current job did not provide them with enough hours to pay their living expenses.

Not only did client have a security level 2 license she also had a CDL license and could drive a bus. Social Worker helped client with the job search and eventually they were able to land a full time bus driver position with Austin Achieve Public Schools. During their time in case management Social Worker helped client with one-time rental assistance, job search, and vocational counseling.