



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager *JF*

FROM: Carrie Rogers, Intergovernmental Relations Officer *CR*

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Austin-Travis County Continuum of Care partners awarded nearly \$14 million in grants

On Friday, January 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the award of nearly \$14 million to support homelessness relief efforts in Austin-Travis County. The funding will be distributed through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program, which aims to provide a range of services to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The funding will support housing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, persons fleeing domestic violence, and homeless youth. Additionally, some of the funding will be used to maintain the Homeless Management Information System, a data collection tool used by service providers across Austin-Travis County to coordinate supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

HUD requires local communities to pick a single agency to apply for federal grants through the CoC program. In Austin-Travis County, the Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO) is the Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant. HUD also requires each local CoC to be governed by a local board. David Gray, Homeless Strategy Office, and Amanda Jasso, Equity Office, are the City of Austin's representatives on the Austin-Travis County CoC Leadership Council, and they participated in the review and authorization process for the Collaborative Application.

A complete listing of HUD's \$3.6 billion in grant awards, including awards to Austin-Travis County CoC recipients, can be found [here](#).

***Office of Management and Budget – Temporary Pause on Federal Grants, Loans and Disbursements**

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) distributed a memo to all federal agencies directing a temporary "pause on all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance, and other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the executive orders." IGRO is working with City leadership to review the OMB's directive, as well as future executive orders that may be issued. Staff will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions, please contact David Gray, Director of the Homeless Strategy Office at David.Gray@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-7836.

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