

**2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Financial Services – Budget

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**REQUEST:** Why is the Community Development Incentives Fund have a zero ending balance in FY 2019?

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**RESPONSE:** The Community Development Incentives Fund (CDIF) was established by the Austin City Council during adoption proceedings for the FY 2016 Budget. The CDIF is designed to provide short-term funding to certain new initiatives that the City Council identifies as promising. The CDIF's revenue consists of one-time transfers from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund and the General Fund, which mostly occurred during FY 2016. These transfers are made at Council's discretion and may not occur each year.

During adoption proceedings for the FY 2016 Budget, Council identified three specific initiatives to receive four years of funding: \$25,000 per year for the Dia de los Muertos event, \$35,000 per year for River City Youth Foundation's Summer of Safety (SOS) program, and \$15,000 per year for the "Jump On It" Teen Night event. Additionally, Council directed that four years of funding in the amount of \$150,000 annually be directed to new cultural contracts, as awarded by an application and evaluation procedure to be developed by the Economic Development Department. Because the FY 2019 Budget marks the fourth and final year of funding for these initiatives, the ending balance for the CDIF is \$0, signifying that the funding received at the onset of the CDIF will have been spent over the timeline set by Council.