

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Austin Public Health and Building Services

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REQUEST: How much money is currently proposed in the General Fund and the capital budget for the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)?

RESPONSE: In FY 2019, \$181,894 is budgeted in the General Fund for direct payment of ARCH operations. This includes utility costs, unanticipated critical building maintenance needs, and telephone costs. Austin Public Health (APH) does not have any funds in its capital budget for ARCH renovations or improvements.

APH's (APH) FY 2019 proposed budget includes \$2,149,058 from the General Fund for operations and service delivery at the ARCH. Half of those funds (\$1,074,529) will be included in the 6 month extension to the current contract with Front Steps, October 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019. This extension was authorized by Austin City Council on May 10, 2018. The remaining funds (\$1,074,529) will be included in a new contract for ARCH operations and services beginning April 1, 2019.

APH will add \$300,000 annually in additional General Funds to the new contract for ARCH operations and services, planned to begin April 1, 2019.

Supplemental funding from state and federal grants flows through APH and contributes annually to the operation of the ARCH.

Additionally, the Building Services Department does not have any planned capital spending for the ARCH in FY 2019. But, \$310,000 is available that can be utilized for capital renovations to the ARCH facility.