

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

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**DEPARTMENT:** Austin Public Health

**REQUEST NO.:** 59

**REQUESTED BY:** Kitchen

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**REQUEST:** What is the scope of the role for the age friendly action plan position within the Austin Public Health Department?

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**RESPONSE:** A Public Health Program Coordinator position to implement the Age-Friendly Action Plan has been added to Austin Public Health's FY 2019 proposed budget. This position was recommended by the Commission on Seniors so that a dedicated position would oversee, promote, and encourage implementation of the Age-friendly Austin Action Plan in order to foster Austin as a supportive, welcoming, and vibrant environment for older adults. Per the Commission's suggestion, this position is funded through Austin Public Health because of the Department's current funding for senior-focused programs.

This position will be in the Health Equity unit and will work with all departments to coordinate services for seniors. Successful implementation of the Plan requires better cooperation between City departments, and this position will identify gaps in City services to seniors, breaking down silos across City departments. Additionally, this position will maintain all City services in a newly developed database that will better track progress of the Age-Friendly Action and Imagine Austin Plans, will be one of the liaisons to the Commission on Seniors, and will coordinate the implementation of the Age-Friendly Austin Action Plan with a focus on goals, strategies, and metrics.