

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Austin Public Health

REQUEST NO.: 153

REQUESTED BY: Casar

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REQUEST: Please provide details concerning the \$600,000 for homelessness and alternatives to panhandling services from slide #11 from the August 29, 2018 budget work session.

RESPONSE: The FY 2019 budget includes \$500,000 for homeless services and \$100,000 for temporary work opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness/panhandling.

The \$500,000 is for homeless service to be contracted out through community nonprofits. Services would include homelessness prevention, outreach and navigation, rapid re-housing services, and/or permanent supportive housing services.

The \$100,000 would be used to support expansion of a pilot that provides temporary work opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness/panhandling. The pilot is a joint effort between multiple City departments and nonprofits partners.