

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: Please provide more information about the proposed three positions to coordinate homeless services citywide. What do these positions entail? In the City's organizational chart, where would these positions be housed? Would these positions be involved in providing direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness? Please provide information for how the City Manager determined that three positions are required to accomplish this work.

RESPONSE: One position is a Public Health Program Manager II and will be a citywide facilitator and coordinator of the homelessness services. The position will be housed in the City Manager's Office under the Assistant City Manager for Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

The other two positions are Public Health Program Coordinators who will be in the Social Services Policy unit in Austin Public Health's (APH) Health Equity and Community Engagement Division. The goal of these positions is to increase the capacity for oversight of APH's homeless investment. This investment is over half of the department's social services investment and currently includes contracts for services in Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Sheltering, Panhandling alternatives, behavioral health, basic needs, housing stability, and case management.

Data as well as stakeholder feedback was used to determine the need for these three positions.