

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

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**DEPARTMENT:** Emergency Medical Services

**REQUEST NO.:** 68

**REQUESTED BY:** Houston

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**REQUEST:** Is Austin Travis County Integral Care a partner in the HOST program? Will the enhancement to the HOST program in the FY 2019 budget allow the program to serve areas of the City outside of downtown?

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**RESPONSE:**

Austin Travis County Integral Care is a partner in the HOST program through a contract with Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC).

The resources included in the FY 2019 proposed budget for HOST will allow the team to sustain current service levels. Since the inception, HOST has experienced an increase in clients served which has resulted in a waitlist for rehabilitative services and the inability for the team to provide timely follow up with existing clients. The current HOST team will continue to focus on the Downtown and West Campus corridor of the City. EMS will receive two administrative positions that will focus on coordination of services and data collection and analysis which will allow the team to provide the necessary follow up. The Downtown Austin Community Court will receive three case managers as well as funding for rehabilitative services to ensure that HOST clients receive the needed services with minimum time on a waitlist. To expand HOST service delivery beyond the current identified service area, additional resources will be required for EMS, APD and DACC.