

2019-2020 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Economic Development

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REQUEST: Please detail the amounts budgeted for the Historic Preservation Fund in the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget. Organize the response by project and category identified in Council [Resolution 20181004-033](#).

RESPONSE:

On October 4, 2018 Austin City Council approved the program allocation of funding as follows:

- 70% for City of Austin historic facilities and sites in accordance with Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5)
- 15% reserved for potential future historic acquisitions or major preservation projects that would be frequented by tourists and convention delegates
- 15% to the Heritage Tourism Grant Program

A total of \$8,316,441, or 70% of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) FY 2019-20 budget, is planned for operating programs and capital projects for City of Austin historic facilities and sites. Of the 70%, \$5,875,000 is planned for six Capital preservation projects for city-owned historic facilities and \$2,441,441 is budgeted for operating programs and projects for the Parks and Recreation, Library, Planning and Economic Development departments.

A total of \$1,782,094, or 15% of the HPF, is budgeted for the Heritage Grant Program. The FY 2019-20 Heritage Grant application process is currently underway. The Heritage Tourism Division will bring forward Heritage Grant recommendations to the Historic Landmark Commission and Tourism Commission prior to bringing the recommended project list forward for Council review and consideration on September 19, 2019.

The remaining \$1,782,094, or 15%, is funding for potential future historic acquisitions or major preservation projects as recommended by City Council.

The table below summarizes staff's recommended FY 2019-20 allocation and organizes projects by categories identified in Council Resolution 20181004-033.

FY 2019-20 Historic Preservation Fund Proposed Allocations	Department	Amount
Heritage Grants Program (15% of budget)	Economic Development	\$1,782,094
Heritage Land Acquisition (15% of budget)	Office of Real Estate Services	\$1,782,094
City of Austin Historic Facilities and Sites (70% of budget)	Multiple Departments (listed below)	\$8,316,441
Temporary staffing, four FTEs, and general maintenance at the following historic sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old Bakery and Emporium ▪ O. Henry Museum ▪ Dickenson Museum ▪ Elisabet Ney Museum ▪ Oakwood Chapel Visitors Center ▪ Montopolis Negro School 	Parks and Recreation	\$1,511,029
Advertising, promotional programming, educational outreach, and personnel costs in Heritage Tourism Division	Economic Development	\$355,752
Wayfinding Design Strategic Plan and Project	Economic Development	\$250,000
Detailed Historic Building Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Downtown ▪ Central South ▪ North Central Austin ▪ Allandale/Brentwood/Crestview 	Planning and Zoning	\$204,660
Citywide Historic Building Scan Phase II	Planning and Zoning	\$120,000
Brush Square Rehabilitation Phase I Implementation Design - Construction	Parks and Recreation	\$2,550,000
Elisabet Ney Window, Door and Masonry Restoration	Parks and Recreation	\$1,400,000
Sunken Gardens Design and Rehabilitation	Parks and Recreation	\$1,000,000
Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements	Library	\$500,000
Comprehensive District 5 th Street Tourism Wayfinding and Signage	Economic Development	\$375,000
Interpretive and Wayfinding Signage at Historic Sites	Parks and Recreation	\$50,000
Total FY 2019-20 Requirements		\$11,880,629