

**Budget Rider for Budget Concept Items related to Health and Human Services, and Eastern Crescent Quality of Life unmet needs****Budget Rider:**

A budget rider sets forth specific instructions regarding the expenditure of funds. It is the intent of the City Council that appropriations for Quality of Life Commission priorities, health and human services priorities, Spirit of East Austin, and recommendations based on Council resolutions to address inequities and disparities in the Eastern Crescent. The City Council approved \$850,000 out of \$2,100,000 in funding for the following priority programs because they leverage federal funding and require an immediate implementation. These include:

- \$300,000 for SNAP outreach and enrollment
- \$300,000 for Affordable Care Act outreach and enrollment
- \$250,000 for Translation and Interpretation

Additionally, the remaining priority projects, the balance of \$1,250,000 on the Quality of Life recommendations should have a particular focus on the following:

- Programming for youth including post-secondary education preparedness, job readiness, and mentoring at risk youth
- Mental health services for underserved communities
- Workforce development
- Healthy food access and access
- Capacity building for smaller community based organizations that work in and serve the Eastern Crescent communities

Funding set out in the budget should be focused on the remaining priority areas and an interdisciplinary team of city staff should work with stakeholders particularly the Quality of Life Commission leadership to ensure appropriate performance metrics are established for any outside contract(s) and contractors performing work to achieve project and program objectives. This review process will be refined for the next budget cycle so that the Quality of Life Commissions are focused on policy and program priorities and can present these to the City Council to support budget allocations for priority areas.