

## Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing Update

<b>As of 5/15/2017:</b>	
<b>Individuals currently engaged in DACC ESG services*</b>	9
<b>Individuals currently engaged in DACC ESG services who are repeat offenders of DACC</b>	1
<b>Individuals who have entered housing since January 2013</b>	78

\*Currently engaged in DACC ESG services denote clients who are actively receiving housing stability case management, housing location services, financial assistance, and/or DACC ongoing resources.

The ESG Rapid Rehousing program is currently accepting referrals.



## **Downtown Austin Community Court Stakeholder Update April 2017**

### **DACC FY 2017 Top Ten Offenses**

#### **Top ten offenses (Homeless)**

##### # Cases    Offense

328	Sitting or Lying Down on a Public Sidewalk or Sleeping Outdoors
199	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
146	AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION
134	CAMPING IN A PUBLIC PLACE
92	CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN A PUBLIC STREET
62	PUBLIC INTOXICATION
60	PEDESTRIAN IN ROADWAY/CITY ORDINANCE
39	HUMAN WASTE
32	PEDESTRIAN WALKING AGAINST LIGHT
24	PEDESTRIAN ON ROADWAY

#### **Top ten offenses (Non-homeless)**

##### # Cases    Offense

504	PUBLIC INTOXICATION
295	Sitting or Lying Down on a Public Sidewalk or Sleeping Outdoors
177	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
118	CAMPING IN A PUBLIC PLACE
91	DISORDERLY CONDUCT - FIGHTING
74	CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN A PUBLIC STREET
73	MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY MINOR
70	AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION
69	HUMAN WASTE
55	PEDESTRIAN WALKING AGAINST LIGHT

Current Frequent Offender Count: **367**

- **Case Count for previous Month – April 2017 = 475**
- **Case Count for Month – April 2016 = 470**
- **Case Count Fiscal YTD (Oct 01 2016 to May 16, 2017) = 3,200**
- **Case Count Previous Fiscal YTD (Oct 01 2015 to May 16, 2016) = 4,309**
  
- **Frequent Offender Case Count for previous Month – April 2017 = 150**
- **Frequent Offender Case Count for Month – April 2016 = 89**
- **Frequent Offender Case Count Fiscal YTD Oct 01 2016 to May 16, 2017) = 864**
- **Frequent Offender Case Count Previous Fiscal YTD (Oct 01 2015 to May 16, 2016) = 1,210**
  
- **Homeless Case Count for previous Month – April 2017 = 241**
- **Homeless Case Count for Month – April 2016 = 121**
- **Homeless Case Count Fiscal YTD (Oct 01 2016 to May 16, 2017) = 1,292**
- **Homeless Case Count Previous Fiscal YTD (Oct 01 2015 to May 16, 2016) = 1,794**

## **REHABILITATIVE SERVICES:**

### **Rehabilitation Referrals – FY15-16**

Number of people entered into treatment: **47**

Number of people completing treatment: **10**

Number of people entered into temporary housing: **40**

Number of people entered into permanent housing: **45**

### **Rehabilitation Referrals – FY16-17 to April 30, 2017**

Number of people entered into treatment: 44

Number of people completing treatment: 11

Number of people entered into temporary housing: 16

Number of people entered into permanent housing: 29

## **HOUSING UPDATES:**

### **Intensive Case Management**

DACC has six Case Managers, five of whom are master level Social Workers. We currently have 76 active clients and a waitlist of 48 clients. During April 2017, DACC Intensive Case Managers housed 4 clients, one of whom was a frequent offender, and referred 24 clients to our rehabilitative services which include residential treatment, transitional housing and counseling. Since January 2013, DACC has housed a total of 181 formerly homeless and chronically homeless individuals. We are collaborating with ECHO on referrals for clients ready to enter Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing.

We have a dedicated DACC Intensive Case Manager on the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) and provide the HOST team with office space, access to the DACC van, and access to DACC funded program resources. During April the HOST team enrolled 64 new clients and had contact with 93 clients. Below is a breakdown of the 55 needs that were identified and met by HOST during April:

Coordinated Assessment	6
Shelter/linkage to housing services	5
Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment	5
Substance Abuse Services	5
Medical Care	10
MAP Cards	12
Basic Needs	4
Transportation	1
Identification documents	4
Misc	3

DACC is continuously working on enhancing intensive Case Management programming by implementing best practices, adding services and working collaboratively with community agencies. Three of our

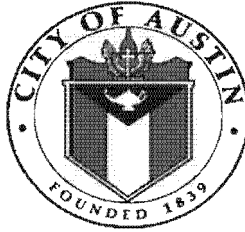
Intensive Case Managers have been trained in completing the Coordinated Assessment. Community First and DACC are collaborating on housing opportunities and rehabilitative services for our clients. A weekly basketball group began in January as a way to address client struggles with isolation and healthy activities. These enhancements are available to all DACC clients that are currently housed or who are working with a case manager to acquire permanent stability.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant**

Since the inception of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Rehousing Program (RRH) in March of 2013, 99 clients have been assessed and entered the program. Of the 99 clients assessed and enrolled 78 have been successfully housed, 74 received housing location services and four clients were provided financial assistance only. The remaining clients were either able to self-resolve, lost contact with case managers, or left the area. During the life of the grant, ESG case managers are aware of two individuals who lost housing due to criminal conviction, two individuals were evicted and one client moved in with family. This current fiscal year, ESG RRH program has successfully rehoused five individuals who lost housing after their initial lease term as a result of increased housing costs. These clients successfully obtained a Housing Choice Voucher (via City of Austin Housing Authority or Travis County) that helped bridge clients into stable housing. To date ESG RRH housing location case manager(s) have cultivated relationships/partnerships with over 90 potential apartments to house clients that meet the prescribed housing criteria. Additionally, ESG RRH housing location case manager is assisting the COA Center for Disease Unit (CDU) and ECHO housing team with location services for all identified homeless clients within the ATX/Travis County area.

### **Community Service Restitution (CSR) Statistics - Fiscal YTD (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

- Number of CSR hours scheduled in DACCP = **6,432**
- Number of Community Service Restitution hours completed by defendants scheduled @ DACC = **12,564\***
- Number of Community Service Restitution hours Supervised by DACC and completed by Travis County Probationers = **5,803\***
- Monetary value of total CSR hours (**18,367\***) completed = **\$229,588 (\$12.50 per hour)**
- Number of CSR hours completed by frequent offenders = **3,650**
- Total number of square footage completed for graffiti abatement, ARR, Code Enforcement, PARD, other COA departments and citizen/stakeholder requests **11,064,092**
- Total number of sites serviced by DACC work crews for graffiti abatement, ARR, Code Enforcement, PARD, other COA departments and citizen/stakeholder requests = **1,270**



**Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee (DACCAC)**  
**Annual Internal Review**

(This report covers the time period of 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016)

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the DACCAC, according to § 2-1-130 of the City Code, is to advise the Downtown Austin Community Court on policy and operational issues. The purpose of the Downtown Austin Community Court is to collaboratively address the quality of life issues of all residents in the downtown Austin community through the swift, creative sentencing of public order offenders. The Court seeks to hold people responsible while also offering help to change behavior.

1. **Describe the Committee's actions supporting its mission during the reporting period. Address all elements of the committee's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

During the reporting period (7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016), the DACCAC met five (5) times on a (nearly) bi-monthly basis. All meetings were posted to and open to the public. Our primary actions during this time were:

**Organizational and Educational:** We elected our officers and amended our by-laws. We received multiple presentations from Court staff and others regarding the various Community Court departments and services, and how the Community Court collaborates with other agencies and City departments. We received presentations and information regarding the Community Court's handling of "no sit/no lie" ordinance violations and the Community Court's options with regard to defendants who cannot afford to pay their fines. We received presentations regarding the Community Court's facilities and budget needs. We received presentations on a regular basis from homeless individuals who have interacted with the Community Court, along with their Case Managers, including individuals with and without prior criminal histories.

**Recommendations and Other Actions:** We passed two (2) recommendations to City Council during this reporting period:

- "Resolution Supporting Creation of a Sobriety Center"; and
- "Recommendation for Budget Funding for the Downtown Austin Community Court"

**2. Determine if the committee's actions throughout the reporting period comply with the mission statement.**

Yes, the DACCAC's actions during this reporting period comply with the mission statement of the DACCAC. All of the educational aspects of our meetings, described above, were designed to enable us to understand the policy and operational aspects of the Community Court, so that we may give informed advice to the Community Court with regard to DACCAC policies and operations. Our recommendations to City Council were built upon that knowledge, and offered in support of the policies and operations of the Community Court.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

Our goals for the upcoming year include:

- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the implementation of best practices for the Community Court's policies and operations;
- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the Community Court's efforts to reduce recidivism, particularly of those "frequent offenders" who regularly interact with the Community Court;
- continue to learn about, monitor, and support the Community Court's collaboration with other agencies to address the needs of the homeless individuals who interact with the Community Court;
- continue to work with the Community Court and others to address the facility and budget needs of the Community Court; and
- increase public awareness of the work of the Community Court, its various programs, and the benefits it provides to the Austin community.

**Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board  
May 19, 2017  
FY18 Budget Discussion**

1. DACC's Current FY17 Budget – \$3.9 Million

- Personnel – 25 Employees = \$1.9 Million
- Contractuals – Rehab Total = \$1.3 Million
  - \$392,000 – Substance Abuse Managed Service Organization (Austin Travis County Integral Care – ATCIC – 12% Administrative Fee = \$47,040)
    - A New Entry Sober Housing
    - A New Entry Residential Treatment
    - Austin Recovery
    - Cenikor Foundation
    - Communities in Recovery
    - Cross Creek Hospital
    - Quality Community Care
    - Texas Health and Science University
    - Client Incentives
    - Client Basic Needs (i.e. food, clothing, hygiene products, move-in kits)
    - Housing Readiness Fees (i.e. deposits, application fees, moving fees, outstanding utility fees, miscellaneous)
  - \$543,427 – Road to Recovery (ATCIC)
  - \$394,058 – Direct Social Service Contracts
    - Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas - \$90,000
    - A New Entry - \$94,058
    - Front Steps - \$210,000
- Additional Contractuals - \$542,000
  - Austin Travis County Reentry Roundtable (ATCRRT) - \$50,000

- Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) - \$242,354
  - Minorities for Equality in Employment, Education, Liberty & Justice (MELJ) - \$250,000
- Commodities - \$262,000
  - Uniforms, Awards, Postage, Printing/Binding, Food/Ice, Translating and Interpreting Services, Office Supplies, Small Tools and Equipment, Fuel, Utilities, Rent, Mileage Reimbursements, Training, Travel and Professional Memberships

## 2. Cost Drivers in FY18

- Employee Health Insurance 5%
- Wage Adjustments 2%
- Rent Increase - \$4200 (Current lease is \$145,711 annually)
- Fuel?

## 3. Proposed need for FY18

- Additional Case Managers – Each = \$ 53,643 (\$81,595 with benefits in FY17)

## 4. Budget Timeline & Next Steps

- May thru June – Boards and Commissions and Public Engagement
- June 2 - Proposed budget due
- June 19-28, City Manager's Office Budget Work sessions
- August 2-Proposed Budget, Day 1- Overview to City Council
- August 9-Proposed Budget, Day 2 - Council Discussion, Maximum Tax Rate Set
- August 16-Proposed Budget, Day 3 - Council Discussion
- August 17-Budget/Tax Rate Hearing
- August 23-Proposed Budget, Day 4 - Council Discussion
- August 30-Proposed Budget, Day 5 - Council Discussion
- August 31-Budget/Tax Rate Hearing
- September 11-13 - Budget Readings