



One Voice Central Texas supports funding policy goals for Health & Human Services

ONE VOICE CENTRAL TEXAS – 89 AGENCIES STRONG

One Voice Central Texas

- One Voice Central Texas is a coalition of 89 local health and human services nonprofits that provide effective programs and services to support the well-being of all residents to reach their full potential and fully contribute to our community
- Our members support Austinites at all stages of life, including veterans, seniors, children and youth, women and men who have recently reentered their communities post-incarceration, homeless families, people with disabilities, and those recovering from substance use
- Collectively, our members bring in over \$160 million to the community in state, federal and foundation funding
- Collectively, we employ more than 6,000 employees, making us a top 10 employer in Central Texas
- We are dedicated to strengthening the health and human services sector in Central Texas

Our Challenge

Our community's health and human services infrastructure is straining from Austin's affordability crisis, and overall funding for social services has not kept up with the demand for services.

- 1/3 of Travis County residents are low-income (live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level)
- 1 in 4 children in Travis County live in poverty, and children under the age of six are the fastest growing group living in poverty
- Over the last 10 years, rents have risen 50% while the median income rose just 9%
- State and federal funding for health and human services has decreased, while the cost of doing business for social service agencies has increased due to personnel and health care costs, increased rent, higher costs of materials, clients moving outside of the urban core, etc.

One Voice supports proposed resolution to amend the 2014 policy goals to reflect progress in the FY15-16 budget process and increase ongoing contracts by 3%

- In 2014, after months of collaboration and data analysis among City Council members, City staff, and One Voice members, City Council approved a budget policy that set funding goals for health and human services
- The proposed resolution updates the funding policy based on current funding numbers and data analyzed by Council Member Garza
 - Policy goal revised to invest \$11,973,307 of additional funding for social service contracts and invest \$10,340,870 of additional funding for the Health and Human Services Department within 2-4 years
 - Annual contract increases for existing long term contracts amended from being based on Consumer Price Index to a standard 3% increase to provide more stability for providers and their clients



Austin's Documented Unfunded Need in Health & Human Services

\$11,973,307 Social Service Contracts

\$10,340,870 Health & Human Services Department

\$22,314,177 To fund for Health and Human Services over 2-4 years

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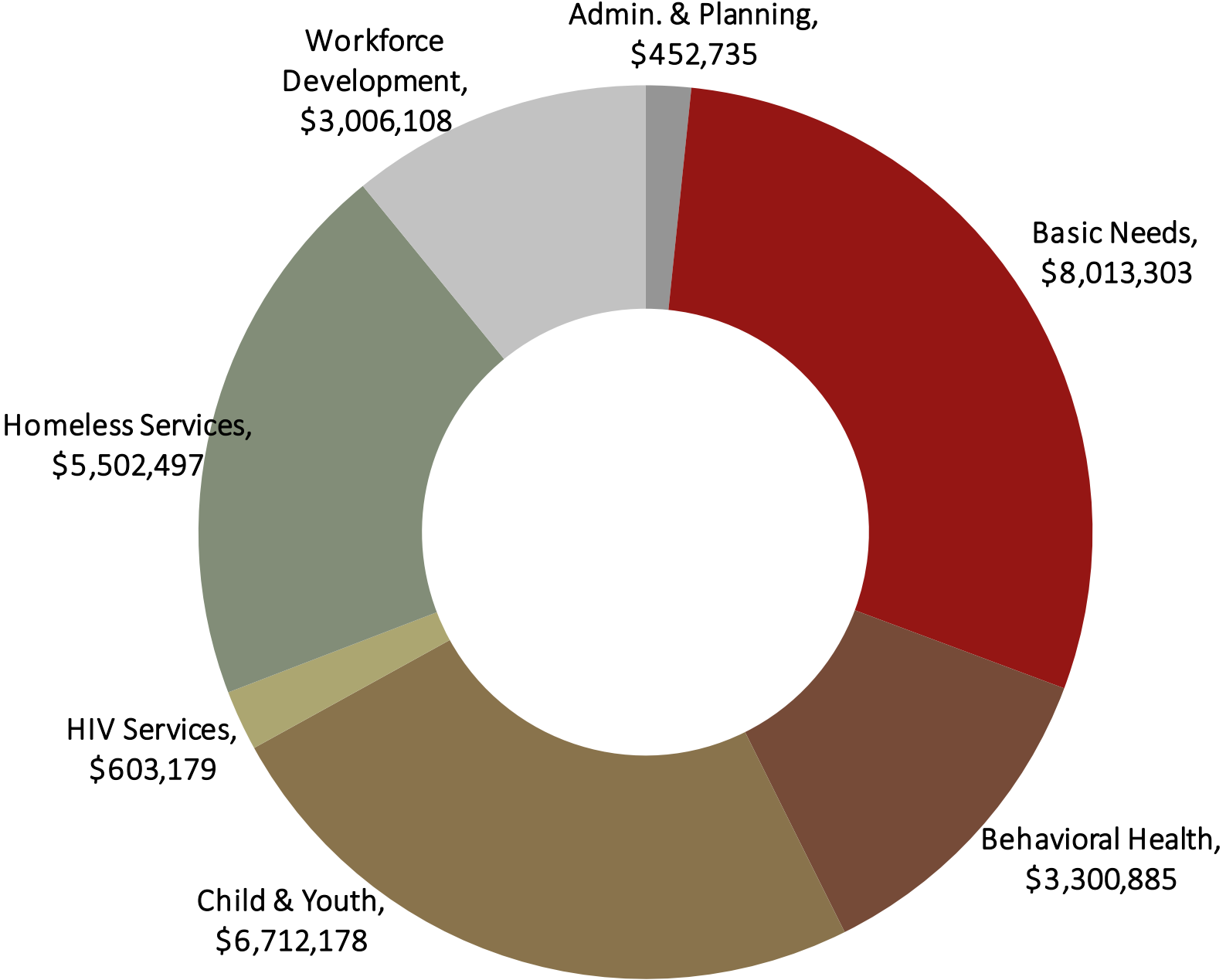
\$5.5 M FY2017 and 3 years to follow

\$1.6M Increase to maintain at 3% and Population Growth

\$7.1M **FY 2017 fiscal impact**



Types of Services Currently Funded by the City of Austin



*New funding will allow City Council to be flexible in responding to community needs, with opportunities to fund new organizations and services



Local Outcomes for Social Services Contracts

The City has a track record of funding effective programs with proven outcomes.

- 99% of youth receiving intensive in-school services stayed in school and 92% progressed to the next developmental or academic level
- 81% of those receiving direct financial assistance achieved stable housing
- 85% of those receiving mental health and substance abuse services meet their treatment plan goal
- 71% of individuals receiving workforce assistance maintained or increased their income
- 72% of seniors receiving delivered meals have stayed in their homes for six months or longer
- 52% of HIV/AIDS patients achieved viral load suppression in Austin vs. 28% nationally

Data is from 2015.

HHS is at the Bottom Despite Growth in Population and those in Poverty

Source http://www.austintexas.gov/budget/cbq/index.cfm	City Investment 2005, 2015	Percentage Increase
Police	\$72M - \$354M	230%
Fire	\$48M - \$166M	245%
Parks	\$19M - \$71M	273%
Libraries	\$10M - \$37M	270%
Health & Human Services and Pets	\$53M - \$64M	20%

Social Services are a Wise Investment

- Support for effective organizations and collaborations is a smart financial decision that produces economic benefits for the whole community
- Human services have society-wide impacts – improving population health and the economy and preparing the nation's workforce
- National studies have demonstrated a Return on Investment and reduction in more expensive interventions:
 - Every dollar invested in workforce programs returns \$2.74 over ten years
 - Every dollar invested in high-quality Pre-K programs returns up to \$17 per participant
 - Substance use treatment returns up to \$4-\$7 for every dollar spent

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One Voice urges you to take the lead on increasing funding for social services and supporting nonprofits that demonstrate effectiveness & quality services as our city faces an affordability crisis

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION