



City of Austin

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Item OT1.17

Investing in the Neighborhood Partnering Program

This proposal would:

- Invest an additional \$60,000 in the Neighborhood Partnering Program's (NPP) budget.

The Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) empowers neighborhoods to partner with the city and work together to make real, positive improvements to their communities.

- Council established NPP in 2009 to leverage the community's passion and vision with the city's funding and expertise in order to improve quality of life in neighborhoods across the city.¹
- The program is designed to build true community consensus and buy-in for approved projects by requiring that 60 percent of community stakeholders approve of the project and requiring the neighborhood match the city's funding with a certain amount of private funds, volunteer hours, or in-kind donations or services.²
- NPP has completed 28 projects since it launched in fiscal year 2011 – and it is currently working on 13 more.³

NPP is a model for proactively reaching out to neighborhoods across the city and working with them to achieve a community vision.

- Organizations across the country have recognized NPP's success, including through: the American Planning Association's Sustainability Award, the American Public Works Association's Management Innovation Award, and the International City/County Management Association's award for Outstanding Achievement in Innovation.
- NPP proactively engages with low-income and underserved communities – and partners with organizations that can help improve NPP's outreach and improve a neighborhood's ability to participate in NPP.

This proposal would expand the capacity of the successful NPP to serve Austin communities.

- This proposal would invest an additional \$60,000 in NPP – roughly the cost it takes to fund an average NPP project.

Table 1. City Investment & Community Matching⁴

District	City Investment	Community Match Value*
Average	\$61,085	\$29,110
Median	\$56,519	\$29,386
Lowest	\$815	\$819
Highest	\$233,144	\$80,343

*Match value includes cash match, volunteer hours, and in-kind services and materials

Table 2. NPP Outreach Efforts⁴

Median Family Income by Census Tract	Outreach Distribution
\$0-\$35,000	53%
\$35,000-\$70,000	17%
\$70,000-\$100,000	16%
\$100,000-\$150,000	7%
\$150,000+	7%

¹ Resolution No. 20090925-072.

² Neighborhood Partnering Program Informational Brochure, Public Works Webpage.

³ Neighborhood Partnering Program Current Project Status Chart, Public Works Webpage.

⁴ Budget Question #68 (FY 2017).