Customer Collaboration: Summer Outreach Initiatives

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# **Financial Health** Program enrollment Employee Engagement Grid Modernization customer collaboration Business Excellence COA Services Commercial usage Commercial billing Customer Service livable electricity Customer Service emails electricity Customer Service custo **COA Services** Information Customer Assistance **Environment & Energy Efficiency** developers





### **Customer Care Operations**

Customer Care Services (Front Office)

Austin 311	Utility	<b>Customer Services</b>
provides information and	Contact Center	Management
connects citizens with	provides customer service	handles utility escalations
COA services	for all utility customers	and Customer Assistance
		Program

#### Customer Account Management (Back Office)

Revenue Measurement &	Billing Services	Quality Management
Control	Management	provides Business Process
provides Meter Read	handles Billing, Payment	Improvements & Training
Services & Data for Billing	Processing and Collections	
	for all utility accounts	



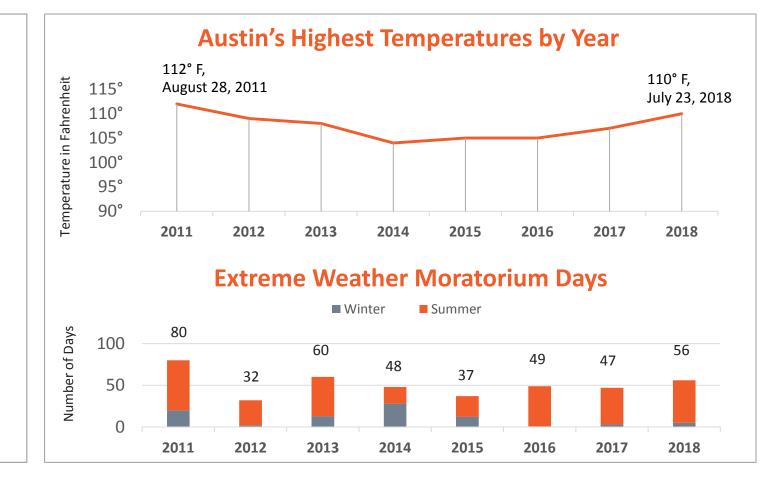


### **Community Outreach: Summer Preparedness**

Last year was Austin's third hottest summer on record. City of Austin Utilities has several procedures in place to protect our customers in extreme weather.

#### **Extreme Heat Response**

- Community outreach highlighting conservation
- City of Austin Special Operations Plan for Heat Emergencies
- Austin Energy operational procedures for reliability
- Extreme Weather Moratorium on residential disconnections for non-payment
- Financial assistance for qualified customers







## Community Outreach: Arrearage Management Program

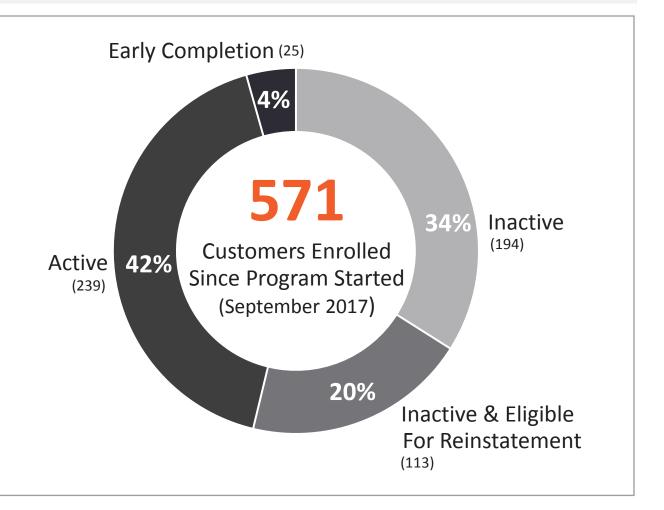
The Arrearage Management Program is a payment-matching program for qualified low-income customers.

#### Eligibility

- CAP Customers with a balance over \$1750
- Participation in site visit and education
- Agrees to pay current charges each month

#### **Program Components**

- Current Bill Payment / Utility Debt Reduction
- In Home Site Visits / Education
- Weatherization
- Case Management





### **Community Outreach: Agency Partnerships**



City of Austin Utilities partners with local agencies to ensure our customers have access to additional resources.

#### **Affordable Energy Summit**

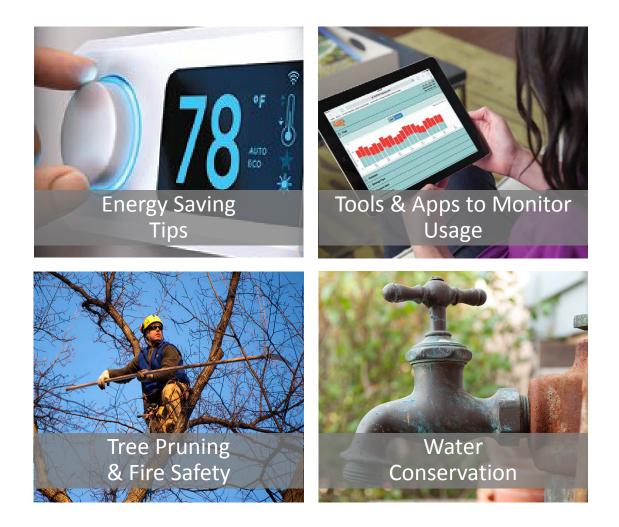
Education opportunity specifically designed for partnering agencies

#### July 24

City of Austin Utilities received 2019 **Expanding Excellence Award** for Innovation in People & Process

**CSWEEK Sexcellence** awards.

# Community Outreach: Summer Savings Campaign





June 24

Spicewood Springs Library 4:30 – 7:30 PM

#### July 11

Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex 4:00 – 7:00 PM

#### July 17

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 4:00 – 7:00 PM

#### July 25

Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church 4:00 – 7:00 PM



### Community Outreach: Resource Fair

### Community Connections Annual Resource Fair

Customer Assistance Program sponsored event featuring education, services and resources **for community** 

> Oct 20 Lanier High School







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