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<b>African American Resource Advisory Commission</b>	<a href="#">Homelessness</a>	Provide more direct intervention and resources for African Americans that help to reduce the disparities. Look at the institutional and systemic factors that contribute to growing this population and put interventions in place upstream. Be intentional about making resources more accessible for this population.	Currently working with ECHO and the Equity Office to examine systemic inequities that perpetuate disparities. Existing staff resources are available for planning and research. Increased intervention will require additional staffing or additional social service dollars for this effort.
<b>African American Resource Advisory Commission</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a>	Provide more funding in collaboration with United Way Success By Six program. Ensure persons are hired to fulfill this work who are culturally sensitive and willing to be intentional in improving the outcome for African American families	Austin Public Health would need an additional position to support the current Program Coordinator. This new position could focus on early childhood equity initiatives and disparities.
<b>African American Resource Advisory Commission</b>	<a href="#">Chronic Health Disease</a>	Examining the current funding practices will allow the City to more effective and efficient so the disparities among African Americans decline and we witness better health outcomes for communities.	The Department agrees with this recommendation, however, additional staffing and resources are needed to achieve stated outcome. The City Manager's Office worked with Harvard University to evaluate the City's response to chronic health disease. A final report submitted to the Deputy City Manager and Mayor indicated that there is a need for additional staffing resources to do this work.
<b>Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission</b>	<a href="#">FY2021 Budget Recommendations</a>	Additional Funding for immigrant legal services	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.

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<p><b>Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Mental Health</a></p>	<p>There is an increasing need for culturally and linguistically sensitive physical and mental health services to immigrants and Asian Americans. Funding from the City can help patients gain access to safety net services to augment the medical services they receive. We have seen how the limited funding currently available has impacted the lives of Asian Americans, immigrants and refugees. We know that individuals from these communities are more successful if they can access services that are sensitive to their culture and language needs. We propose additional funding for this program in the amount of \$100,000 to increase the capacity to serve the Asian American and immigrant population.</p>	<p>Austin Public Health utilizes Social Service Contracts to provide mental health services for a total of \$777,271. Increased capacity would require additional resources.</p> <p>Current contracts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$238,368 - Caritas of Austin Behavioral Health Services: provides professional mental/behavioral health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric nursing services, and peer mentoring</li> <li>\$129,197 - Young Women's Christian Association YW Counseling &amp; Referral Center: provides counseling and/or group services for special populations and their families</li> <li>\$104, 858 - Catholic Charities of Central Texas Immigrant Legal Services and Counseling Services: helps immigrants reduce anxiety by stabilizing their immigration status, re-uniting them with family members, and helping with work authorizations</li> <li>\$100,00 - Austin Public Health expects to award a new agreement to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community in FY20</li> <li>\$104,848 - Austin Latino/a Lesbian &amp; Gay Organization LGBTQ People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness: increases accessibility and utilization of health and wellness services by LGBTQ people of color</li> <li>\$100,000 - Outyouth: increases the provision of mental health services via psychoeducational support groups and individual counseling to school-aged youth in Austin/Travis County.</li> </ul>

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<b>Commission for Women</b>	<a href="#">Menstrual Equity</a>	The Commission for Women recommends extending the menstrual equity pilot program in FY21 to cover more public locations and homeless shelters.	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to procure supplies and support community outreach efforts to continue this pilot program in FY2021.
<b>Commission on Seniors</b>	<a href="#">FY 2021 Budget Recommendations</a>	Recommends Austin Public Health provide support to the Age Friendly Action Plan Coordinator to conduct a needs analysis and make recommendations on community outreach and engagement to older adults in Austin, with an emphasis on reaching communities of color.	Austin Public Health can implement this recommendation with existing resources.
<b>Commission on Seniors</b>	<a href="#">FY 2021 Budget Recommendations</a>	The Commission on Seniors recommends Austin Public Health and/or other appropriate city departments determine how to provide free or very low cost home delivery of groceries to older adults and person with disabilities who are homebound and/or have significant transportation challenges preventing them from visiting grocery stores.	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.
<b>Commission on Immigrant Affairs</b>	<a href="#">Legal Services</a>	Additional funding for immigrant legal services	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.

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<p><b>Commission on Immigrant Affairs</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Mental Health Services</a></p>	<p>Supportive of increased mental health services for the immigrant community</p>	<p>Austin Public Health utilizes Social Service Contracts to provide mental health services for a total of \$777,271. Increased capacity would require additional resources.</p> <p><i>Current contracts include:</i>            \$238,368 - Caritas of Austin Behavioral Health Services: provides professional mental/behavioral health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric nursing services, and peer mentoring            \$129,197 - Young Women's Christian Association YW Counseling &amp; Referral Center: provides counseling and/or group services for special populations and their families            \$104, 858 - Catholic Charities of Central Texas Immigrant Legal Services and Counseling Services: helps immigrants reduce anxiety by stabilizing their immigration status, re-uniting them with family members, and helping with work authorizations            \$100,00 - Austin Public Health expects to award a new agreement to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community in FY20            \$104,848 - Austin Latino/a Lesbian &amp; Gay Organization LGBTQ People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness: increases accessibility and utilization of health and wellness services by LGBTQ people of color            \$100,000 - Outyouth: increases the provision of mental health services via psychoeducational support groups and individual counseling to school-aged youth in Austin/Travis County.</p>

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Early Childhood Council	<a href="#">Preserve Funding for Austin Independent School District Parent Support Specialists</a>	Encourages City Council to maintain funding support to Austin ISD for Parent Support Specialists and explore similar programs in other area school districts within City of Austin if there is a need.	Austin Public Health can implement this recommendation with existing resources.
Early Childhood Council	<a href="#">ECC Recommends Additional Early Childhood Staff Person</a>	Early Childhood Council recommends that the City of Austin fund add one additional full-time employee for Austin Public Health in the 2021 budget dedicated to supporting equitable access to high-quality early childhood programs and services for families with children prenatal to age 5 from households with low-income.	Austin Public Health would need an additional position to support the current Program Coordinator. This new position could focus on early childhood equity initiatives and disparities.
Early Childhood Council	<a href="#">Encourage Austin ISD to Fund Pre-K Teaching Assistants</a>	Encourage AISD to maintain \$3M funding in the AISD budget for approximately 170 full-time Pre-K teacher assistants	This recommendation does not seem to have a budget impact for the City of Austin. Austin Public Health does support the recommendation.

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<b>Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission</b>	<a href="#">Immigrant Affairs</a>	<p>The Commission recommends allocating greater funding for immigrant services and legal services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocating an additional \$100,000 so that American Gateways can continue to represent families and increase the number of individuals served; and</li> <li>- Allocating additional funding to provide low bono and pro bono representation; and</li> <li>- Allocating funding to build out the Immigrant Affairs position/office.</li> </ul>	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.
<b>Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a>	<p>The Commission recommends investing in Early Childhood Education and Development for Latinx families by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocating funds for culturally led parent education programs;</li> <li>- Allocating additional funds to increase capacity to serve more income eligible young children with programs and services to support their health and development; and</li> <li>- Allocating funds to hire an additional FTE in Austin Public Works to support efforts to coordinate early childhood initiative, programs, and services with other city departments.</li> </ul>	Austin Public Health would need an additional position to support the current Program Coordinator. This new position could focus on early childhood equity initiatives and disparities.

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<b>Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission</b>	<a href="#">Tenant Rights</a>	The Commission recommends expanding tenants' rights support by allocating additional funding for legal services to help with tenants' rights and property tax law. Funding should also support tenant meetings, community workshops, and resource and education fairs pertaining to tenants' rights.	Austin Public Health currently provides Tenants' Rights services through existing Social Services Contracts for a total of \$823,159. Increased capacity will require additional resources.  <i>Current contracts include:</i> \$20,000 - Austin Tenants Council Housing Stability Program: aims to reduce housing instability by leveraging its expertise negotiate down debt to ensure housing debt is not a barrier to housing in the future. \$203,159 - Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Public Benefits and Housing Rights Program: provides legal assistance to low income clients facing housing related issues. \$823,159 - Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Residents Advocacy Program: provides advocacy and legal advice to those facing eviction for code violations.
<b>Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission</b>	<a href="#">Unrestricted Cash Transfers</a>	The Commission recommends providing direct financial assistance to individuals and families, including undocumented residents and small business owners, who need it the most by reallocating \$3 M to \$4 M to direct and unrestricted cash transfers to families struggling with poverty as a way to advance their social and economic mobility.	Austin Public Health is in the process of creating a schedule for solicitations by issue area. This type of service can be include in the Request for Proposals for Basic Needs services, tentatively scheduled for FY 2022. The Small Business support is not within the scope of APH.

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<p><b>Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Mental Health Services</a></p>	<p>The Commission recommends expanding mental health services for the Latinx community, including LGBTQIA+ communities, veterans, youth, families, and survivors of abuse.</p>	<p>Austin Public Health utilizes Social Service Contracts to provide mental health services for a total of \$777,271. Increased capacity would require additional resources.</p> <p>Current contracts include:            \$238,368 - Caritas of Austin Behavioral Health Services: provides professional mental/behavioral health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric nursing services, and peer mentoring            \$129,197 - Young Women's Christian Association YW Counseling &amp; Referral Center: provides counseling and/or group services for special populations and their families            \$104, 858 - Catholic Charities of Central Texas Immigrant Legal Services and Counseling Services: helps immigrants reduce anxiety by stabilizing their immigration status, re-uniting them with family members, and helping with work authorizations            \$100,00 - Austin Public Health expects to award a new agreement to provide mental health services for the Asian Pacific Islander community in FY20            \$104,848 - Austin Latino/a Lesbian &amp; Gay Organization LGBTQ People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness: increases accessibility and utilization of health and wellness services by LGBTQ people of color            \$100,000 - Outyouth: increases the provision of mental health services via psychoeducational support groups and individual counseling to school-aged youth in Austin/Travis County.</p>

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<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	<a href="#">FY 2021 Budget Financial Assistance for families in Travis County</a>	Reallocate at least \$1.5 million from existing social services contracts to direct and unrestricted cash transfers to individuals and families struggling with poverty as a way to advance their social and economic mobility	Austin Public Health is in the process of creating a schedule for solicitations by issue area. This type of service can be include in the Request for Proposals for Basic Needs services, tentatively scheduled for FY 2022.
<b>Joint Inclusion Committee</b>	<a href="#">Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission budget recommendation on mental health</a>	Support of the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commission Budget Recommendation on mental health services.	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.
<b>Joint Inclusion Committee</b>	<a href="#">Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Budget Recommendations</a>	Support of Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Resolution 2020410-04d: FY2021 Budget Recommendations	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.
<b>Joint Inclusion Committee</b>	<a href="#">Budget Request on Funding of Immigrant Legal Services.</a>	Support of Commission on Immigrant Affairs Budget Request on Funding of Immigrant Legal Services	Austin Public Health would need additional resources to accomplish this recommendation.

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<b>Joint Sustainability Commission</b>	<a href="#">JSC Charitable Feeding Organization Permit Recommendation</a>	Create a task force comprised of Austin Public Health, the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board, and other relevant stakeholders to amend the Food Enterprise permitting process for charitable feeding organizations in order to reduce the barriers of providing access to healthy foods for our community's vulnerable and food insecure populations.	<p>Austin Public Health would need additional information to be responsive to this recommendation.</p> <p>Specifically, the Department would need to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What barriers are charitable feeding organizations experiencing?</li> <li>• Does the proposal include exceptions to state law?</li> <li>• Does the proposal increase the food safety risk to our vulnerable populations?</li> <li>• How is the food being provided?</li> <li>• Where is the food being provided?</li> <li>• Are the staff and volunteers properly trained in food safety?</li> </ul>