

## Homeless Strategy Division Update City Council Work Session

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HOMELESS STRATEGY DIVISION





# **Briefing Topics**

- Finding Home ATX
- American Rescue Plan Act Homelessness
- Homeless Encampment Management
- HEAL Initiative



# Finding Home ATX

#### Investment Plan

A view of the outcomes and investments by category

Spending by Category <sup>1</sup>	People Served or Housing Units			Funding Needs				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Totals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Totals (\$)
PROGRAMMATIC EXPENDITURES	1,008	2,203	2,089	5,300	\$38M	\$75M	\$105M	\$218M
1. Crises Services (HH Stabilized) <sup>2</sup>	110	220	330	660	\$9M	\$7M	\$7M	\$23M
2. Core Housing Programs (HH Stabilized) <sup>2</sup>	898	1,983	1,759	4,640	\$20M	\$63M	\$94M	\$178M
3. Other Services <sup>3</sup>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$8M	\$6M	\$4M	\$18M
SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE								
4. System Capacity Building	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$7M	\$7M	\$6M	\$20M
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS								
5. Capital Investment (Housing Units)	-	700	600	1300	\$140M	\$126M	-	\$266M
CONTINGENCY								
6. Contingency	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2M	\$4M	\$4M	\$10M
TOTALS					\$187M	\$213M	\$115M	\$515M

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Unduplicated individuals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes mental health, employment services, and benefits access

# Finding Home ATX

## Funding Status

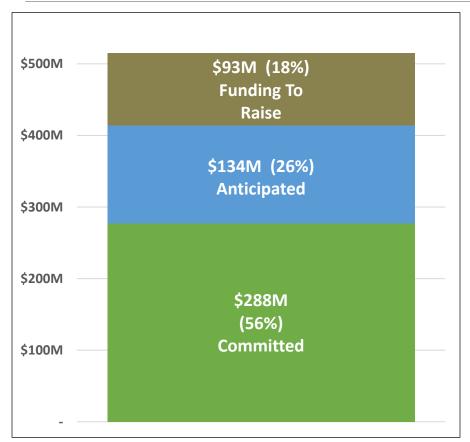


Figure 1: Finding Home ATX
Funding Status as of 4/30/2022

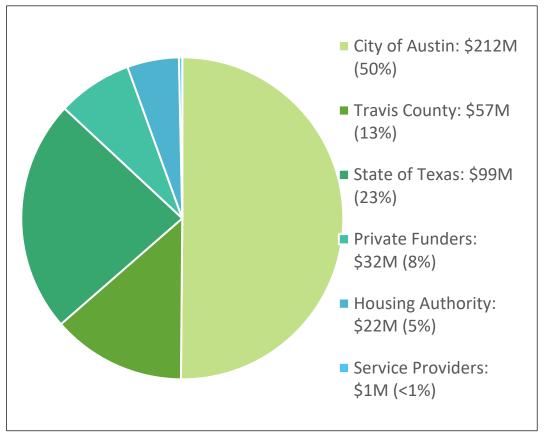


Figure 2: Finding Home ATX
Committed and Anticipated Funding Sources 4/30/2022



# Finding Home ATX

Funding Progress by Category





## American Rescue Plan Act

## Spending Framework for Finding Home ATX

Proposed CoA ARPA Allocation for the Summit				
	CoA ARPA			
Funding Category	Allocation (3 YR)			
Programmatic Expenses	\$72.0M			
1. Crises Services	\$10.0M			
2. Core Housing Programs	\$55.0M			
3. Other Services	\$7.0M			
System Investments	\$9.2M			
4. Capacity Building	\$9.2M			
Capital Investments	\$25.5M			
5. Capital Investment	\$25.5M			
Totals	\$106.7M			



# APH Request for Proposals for Homeless Services

#### Solicitation Schedule

Solicitation Schedule	Phase #1	Phase #2	Phase #3
Focus Area	Housing Stabilization	Crisis Response	Supportive Services
Project Types	<ul> <li>Permanent Supportive Housing</li> <li>Rapid Rehousing</li> <li>Supportive Services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emergency Shelter</li> <li>Street Outreach</li> <li>Day Resource Center</li> <li>Medical Respite care support services</li> <li>Youth Crisis Response Services</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Employment Services</li><li>Behavioral Health</li><li>Benefits Access</li></ul>
Solicitation Amount (Combined Funds)	~\$53M	~\$9.9M	~\$7.5M
Timeline	Released: January 31, 2022 Closed: March 9, 2022 Awardees notified: June 2022	Released: March 31, 2022 Closed: May 12, 2022 Awardees notified: July 2022	Released: May 31, 2022 Closes: July 7, 2022 Awardees notified: August 2022

# Small Grants Program – Capacity Building

### Homeless Strategy Division & Innovation Office

- Total Amount: \$1,000,000
- Goal: To help nonprofit service providers
  - A. effectively expand services and deepen impact;
  - B. improve equitable access & outcomes across services;
  - C. support the integration and elevation of minority-led, smaller, and newer organizations into the Homelessness Response System (HRS) and build pathways for these organizations to access government funding; and
  - D. increase cultural competency of service provision throughout the HRS.
- Elements
  - A. Capacity Assessment (\$2500 compensation)
  - B. Capacity Accelerator/Technical Assistance
  - C. Small Grants: Up to \$37,500
- Applications Due: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022



# Homeless Encampment Management

Enforcement of Camping Regulations

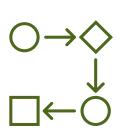
- Most requests to move are met with voluntary compliance
- ° 252 citations or individual enforcement actions (5/31/2022)
- Compared to HEAL Initiative:
  - Limited ability to connect individuals to shelter and service resources
  - Significant displacement to other areas



## Homeless Encampment Management

### Process Improvement

FSD Performance Management



Process



 Coordinated Prioritization and Resource Deployment

Communication Plan

Standardized Protocol



**Underway** 

**Underway by Partner Teams** 

Underway





People

- Central Hub For Staff Resources
- Increased Staff Training

 System for Tracking Camps, Prioritization, Resources, and Response **Underway** 

**Underway in Partner Teams** 

**Underway** 





# Homeless Encampment Management Process Improvement

Participating Departments

Austin Code Communications and Public Information Office

Austin Energy Communications and Technology Management

Austin Fire Downtown Austin Community Court

Austin Police Emergency Medical Services

Homeless Strategy Division, APH Financial Services - Performance

Austin Public Library Law

Austin Resource Recovery Parks and Recreation

Austin Transportation Public Works

Austin Water Watershed Protection



## Homeless Encampment Management Central Response Structure



# Homeless Encampment Management Prioritization Tool

#### **Purpose:**

- Action is prioritized and resources deployed to encampments that present highest health/safety risks, as well as barriers to access to public amenities
- Supports consistent data capture across departments and encampments citywide
- Improves understanding of needs, risks, and trends across encampments citywide

#### **Progress:**

- Modeled using the HEAL Prioritization tool
- Single tool can meet both prioritization for closure with and without HEAL
- Field testing underway

#### **Next Steps:**

Estimated full implementation in early July



#### **HEAL Initiative**

#### Housing-Focused Encampment Assistance Link

Shelter Transfers, Inception to Date:	267
Shelter Transfers, Fiscal Year to Date:	119
Fiscal Year 2022 Goal	200
Shelter Acceptance Rate:	93%
Bridge Shelter Occupancy (5/17)	123
Housed to Date	79

% African American45% (PEH: 37%)% Hispanic/Latino15% (PEH: 26%)

Male (PEH 61.6%)

Female **32.6% Female** (PEH 37.7%)

#### **HEAL Encampments**

- 1. Terrazas Branch Library
- 2. Menchaca/Ben White
- 3. 183/Oak Knoll
- 4. Lady Bird Lake/Buford Tower
- 5. Old San Antonio Road/Slaughter Creek
- 6. IH-35 Frontage Road/St. Johns Avenue
- 7. West Bouldin Creek
- 8. St. John Neighborhood Park
- 9. Gillis Park



## **HEAL Initiative: Potential Bridge Shelter Expansion**

Financial Services Department - Real Estate Services

#### **Market Conditions in the Hospitality Sector**

- The return of group and individual business travelers results in a +12% increase in occupancy rates.
- Increased strengthening of all segments of demand is anticipated to increase the Average Daily Rate (ADR) by almost 17%.
- The increase in ADR is expected to drive 2022 Revenue Per Available Rooms (RevPAR) above 2019 levels.



## Discussion

