



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THRU: Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager
Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Dianna Grey, Homelessness Strategy Officer

DATE: July 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Expanded Homelessness Investment Funding Plan, Resolution No. 20210610-077

On June 10, 2021, Austin City Council approved a Resolution No. 20210610-077 adopting the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending framework and allocating \$106.7 million to expand housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness. This resolution directed a report back to Council by July 1, 2021 regarding the Funding Plan which supports the housing goals as delineated in “The Summit to Address Homelessness in Austin” (also referred to as “The Summit”) developed in Spring 2021.

The Resolution also asked the manager to contact the Summit partners by July 15th to request a Development Plan outlining the Summit partners’ private fundraising goals, strategies, and timelines. Given the close relationship of the Funding Plan (outlining investments needed to reach the Summit goals) and the Development Plan (an overview of expected private fundraising), the Funding Plan submission will be postponed. This will allow staff and Summit partners to review the Funding Plan and to make adjustments based on their feedback and the Development Plan they are to provide. The request to Summit partners for the Development Plan will be made imminently, and staff expects to finalize the Funding Plan soon after receiving the Development Plan.

The Development Plan will include a commitment by Summit Leadership to fundraising goals and a projected timeline which we will ensure is aligned with the Funding Plan to be presented to Council. These key components are already included in the draft Funding Plan; however, the model will be strengthened by the inclusion of more concrete commitments to the private fundraising effort, with identified leadership, strategies, and timelines.

Additionally, the Resolution itself, which will incorporate substantial discussion and amendments from the dais by Council, is not yet completely finalized. A few council offices have remaining edits they believe are needed. As soon as the Resolution is final, we will circulate to all, and ensure that the Funding Plan is fully responsive to Council direction embodied there.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
CMO Executive Team