



2018 BOND

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Bond Background

In 2016, the Austin City Council formed a citizen-led Bond Election Advisory Task Force to identify, study, prioritize, and propose various projects for consideration of bond funding in a potential 2018 election. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force, comprised of 13 Austin residents, convened 13 full task force meetings and 66 working group meetings. In total, approximately 140 hours of public meeting time occurred, with nearly 300 Austin residents participating in in-person and online bond-simulator exercises. Additionally, 12 community engagement sessions, reaching all 10 council districts, were held, and more than 900 online bond surveys were submitted and reviewed.

For nearly two years, the task force met with stakeholders, gathered input, and developed a proposal, focusing its recommendation to the City Council on reinvestment in current city infrastructure. In August 2018, the Austin City Council passed an ordinance calling for a \$925-million bond election on November 6, 2018, and set ballot language for seven different bond propositions.

These propositions include: \$250 million for affordable housing; \$128 million for libraries and cultural centers; \$149 million for parks and recreation; \$184 million for flood mitigation and open space; \$16 million for health and human services; \$38 million for public safety; and \$160 million for transportation infrastructure.



Proposition A: Affordable Housing

Creation, rehabilitation, and retention of affordable home rental and ownership opportunities.

\$250 million



Proposition B: Libraries, Museums and Cultural Arts Facilities

Renovations at various branch libraries and cultural centers, acquiring property for creative spaces, as well as providing funding to replace the Dougherty Arts Center.

\$128 million



Proposition C: Parks and Recreation

Improvements, renovations, and upgrades to various Parks and Recreation assets, including aquatics and acquisition of new parkland.

\$149 million



Proposition D: Flood Mitigation, Open Space and Water Quality Protection

Drainage/stormwater projects and acquisition of water-quality protection lands.

\$184 million





Proposition E: Health and Human Services

Funding for the design, construction, and equipping of a new neighborhood public health and human services facility in the Dove Springs area.

\$16 million



Proposition F: Public Safety

Renovations to existing public safety facilities in the City, including, but not limited to, fire stations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stations.

\$38 million



Proposition G: Transportation Infrastructure

Address deficiencies in the City's existing transportation infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the reconstruction of streets and sidewalks, repair/replacement of bridges and structures, upgrades to traffic signals, pedestrian safety improvements, and major intersection safety projects.

\$160 million

Bond Information

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Voters will consider seven City of Austin bond propositions, City of Austin council member elections, two proposed amendments to the City Charter, and two proposed citizen-initiated City ordinances, in conjunction with the November General Election for Federal, State, and County offices and propositions for other taxing entities. The total amount of the bonds for which approval is sought is \$925 million, split among Propositions A-G.

Important Dates:

- **October 9** – Last day to register to vote
- **October 22** – First day of in-person early voting
- **October 26** – Last day to apply for a ballot by mail
- **November 2** – Last day of in-person early voting
- **November 6** – Election Day

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