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**2025-26  
BUDGET**



Art in Public Places: *La Mujer* by J Muzacz/Caminos Internship Program, 2022

# Budget Work Session

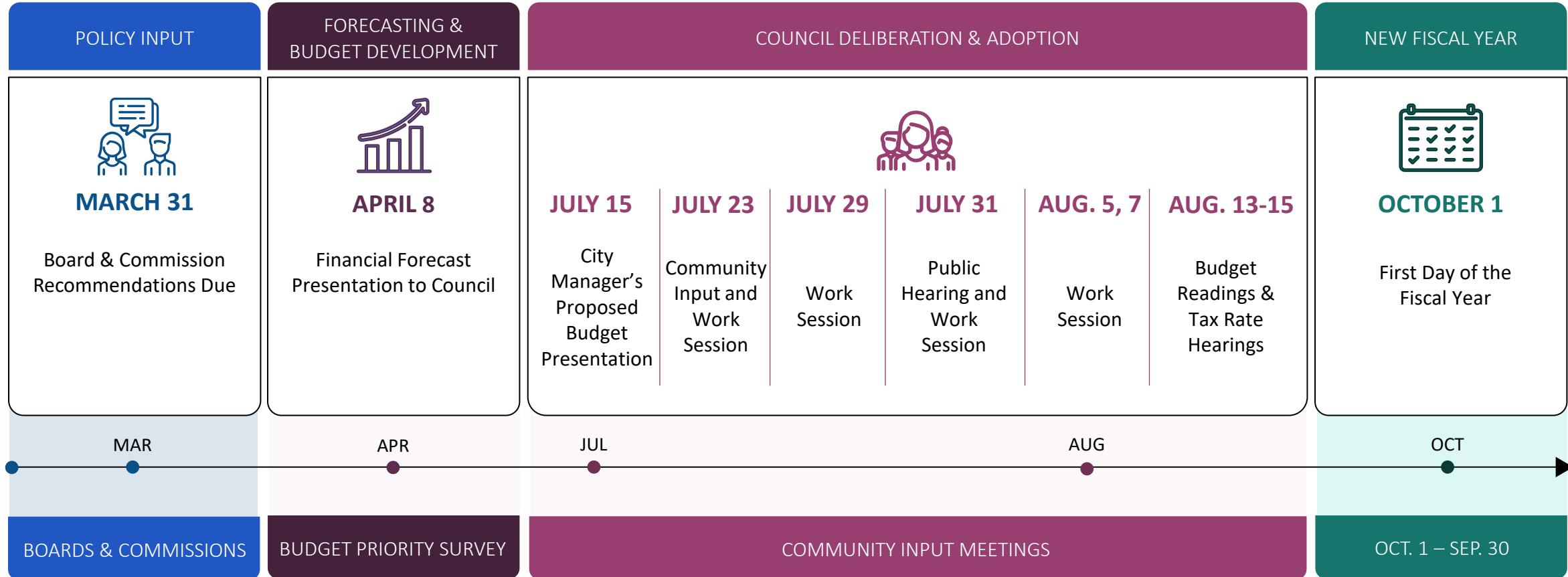
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# FY 2025-26 Budget Timeline



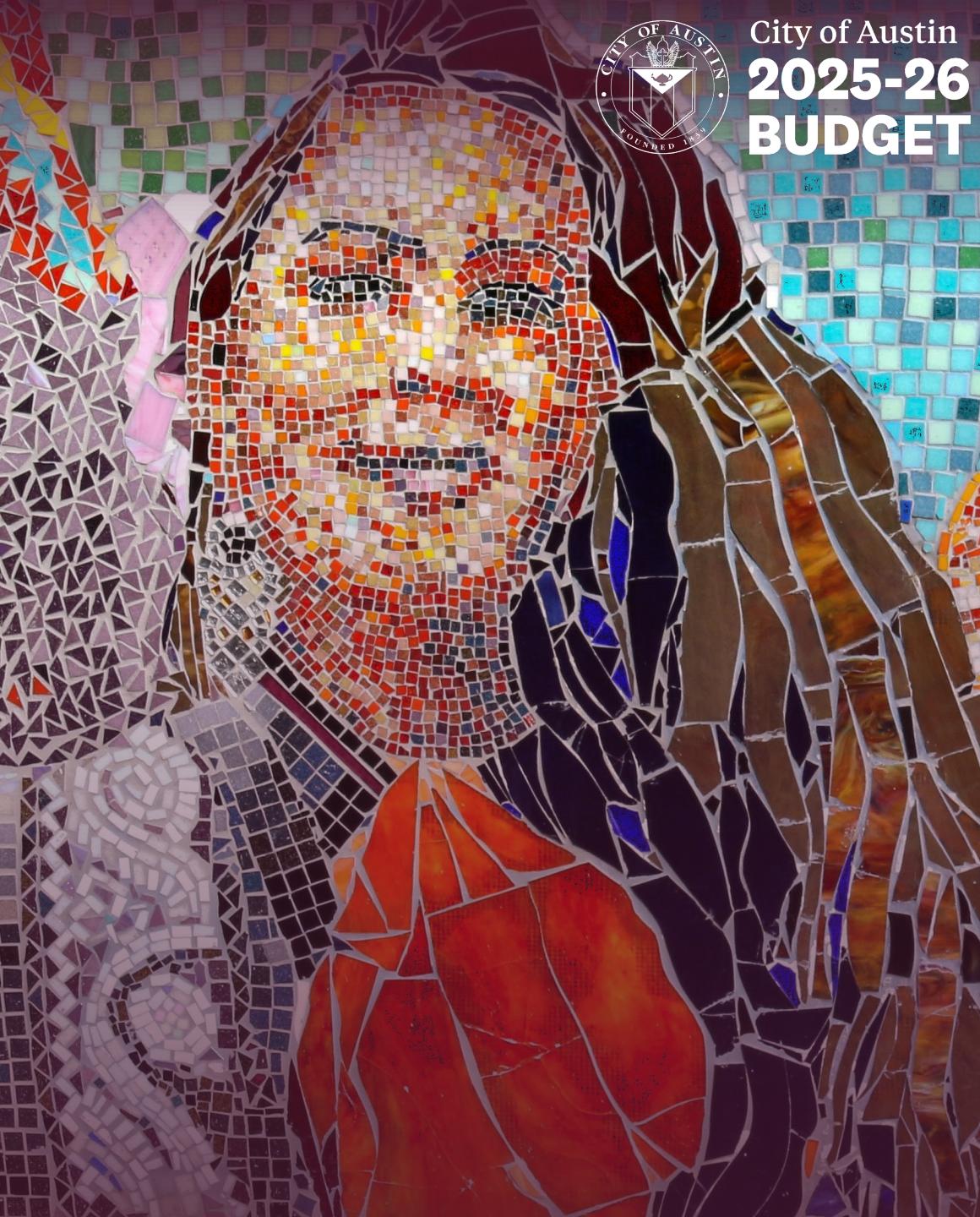
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## Today's Agenda

- General Fund Balancing
- Social Service Contracts
- Impact of Federal Grant Reductions
- Department Discussions:
  - Equity and Inclusion – Immigrant Affairs Office
  - Homeless Strategies and Operations
  - Housing
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Wildfire response – PARD, AF, AW, & AE





# General Fund



# FY 2025-26 General Fund Balancing

## Measures taken to close the \$33.4 million gap:

- \$14.1 million one-time increase in revenue from a transfer from Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund
- \$19.3 million reduction in expenditures

Department	Reduction Description	FY26 Amount
Animal Services	Reduction in funding for contracts to provide emergency and specialty surgeries	(\$586,195)
EMS	Reduction in medical software	(\$91,071)
Fire	Reduction in OT in anticipation of a planned restructuring of the Fire staffing model	(\$8,260,664)
Fire	Reduction in fire protection system contract funding for testing and inspection services	(\$350,000)
Fire	Reduced funding for legal fees, vehicle rentals, supplies, and small tools	(\$243,344)
Fire	Reduction in sworn educational travel and training	(\$107,068)
Planning	Reduced funding for contract services	(\$71,345)
Police	Decrease in OT budget resulting from a staffing model changes that will increase officer availability for patrol functions	(\$9,011,894)
Police	Reduction for relocating the Blue Santa warehouse to a City-owned facility	(\$500,000)
Public Library	Reduction from closure of the Recycled Reads site to allow for expansion of the program across the library system	(\$107,000)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$19,328,581)</b>

# Social Service Contracts



# Social Service Contracts

Department	Service Category	Service Area Description	FY 2025-26 Proposed
Austin Public Health	Basic Needs	Domestic Violence Shelter, Victim Services, Violence Intervention, Food Access	\$7,059,375
	Behavioral Health	Mental Health, Substance Misuse, Counseling	\$4,836,126
	Child & Youth	After School, Parent Support, Tutoring, Family Stabilization, Infant and Early Childhood Services, Youth Development	\$8,852,375
	Community Planning	Food Access, Substance Misuse, HIV Stigma Index	\$399,724
	Health Equity Contracts	Food Access, Reproductive Health, Health Navigation, Peer Support	\$3,926,008
	HIV	HIV Stigma Index, Case Management, Housing, Early Intervention Services, Psychosocial Support Services	\$645,191
	Violence Prevention	Violence Intervention, Victim Services	\$1,665,000
Homeless Strategies and Operations	Homelessness Services	Emergency Shelter Operations, Permanent Supportive Housing, Cold Weather Shelter, Bridge Shelters, Rapid Rehousing	\$36,432,961
Municipal Court	Rehabilitation Services	Bridge shelter, Transitional Housing, Peer Recovery Support Services, Sobering Center Interlocal Agreement	\$6,295,655
Economic Development	Child & Youth	Early Childhood Education, Childcare Assistance, Parenting Programs, Early Childhood Intervention Services, Workforce Development Leadership Training for Childcare Administrators	\$1,322,337
	Workforce Development	Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Vocational Training Programs, Job Mobility Programs	\$3,196,257
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$74,631,009</b>

*FY27 Plan includes \$57.8M for Social Service Contracts, a reduction of \$16.8M, or 22.5%*

# Federal Grant Reductions

# Impact of Federal Grant Reductions

## *Operating Grants – APH*

Program	Status
CDC COVID-19 Health Disparities	Ended March 2025 (scheduled to end June 2025)
COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity	Ended March 2025 (scheduled to end June 2025)
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC)	Ended March 2025 (scheduled to end July 2026)
Tobacco Control	Not renewed
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	FY26 grant award reduced
Tuberculosis Control and Outreach	FY26 grant award reduced

- Other grant programs with terms ending in late FY25 or FY26 may or may not be renewed or awarded again. These could be considered at-risk, but the City cannot speculate on the outcome.

## *CIP Grant - Cancelled*

Grantor	Program	Project	Award
FEMA	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant/Sand Hill Energy Center Flood Mitigation (Fallwell Lane Phase B)	\$50,000,000

# Department Discussions



# Office of Equity and Inclusion

## *Immigration Affairs*

- Human Rights Division within the office of Equity and Inclusion actively advises, supports, and collaborates with City leadership on matters concerning immigrant communities

Human Rights Division	FY 2025-26 Proposed
Personnel – includes funding for 6 positions	\$879,488
Contractual and Commodities	\$555,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,435,358</b>



# Homeless Strategies and Operations

*FY26 Proposed Budget - \$51.5M*

Program	FY 2025-26 Proposed
Homeless Diversion Services	\$10.1M
Homeless Strategy Office	\$4.5M
Social Service Contracts	\$36.4M
Support Services	\$0.1M
Transfers, Debt Service, & Other Requirements	\$0.4M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51.5M</b>

## New Investments:

- \$8.0M in one-time funding, provided through the Housing Trust Fund, for emergency shelter operations at the Marshaling Yard
- \$3.5M for a contract to continue operations at the 8th Street Shelter
- \$925,000 for twelve new positions to expand outreach and improve encampment management



# Housing

## *Housing Trust Fund*

	<b>FY 2025-26 Proposed</b>	<b>FY 2026-27 Planned</b>
<b>HOMELESS DIVERSION SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Marshalling Yard Emergency Shelter Operations, Permanent Supportive Housing – Wrap-around Services</li></ul>	<b>\$10.1M</b>	-
<b>HOUSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local Housing Voucher Program</li></ul>	<b>\$5.7M</b>	-
<b>DISPLACEMENT PREVENTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Emergency Rental Assistance, Displacement Mitigation Plan for Colony Park, Tenant Eviction Prevention</li></ul>	<b>\$5.0M</b>	-
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance &amp; Monitoring Study, Tax &amp; Estate Planning Services</li></ul>	<b>\$1.1M</b>	-



# Parks and Recreation

## *Grounds Maintenance - \$20.4M*

- \$300,000 increase in FY26 to support tree maintenance on newly acquired and developed land

## *Golf - \$4.0 Million Transfer to CIP*

- \$2.5 million for Kizer Ponds repairs
- \$1.5 million to replace aging infrastructure: pump stations, driving range netting and shade structures, and material bins

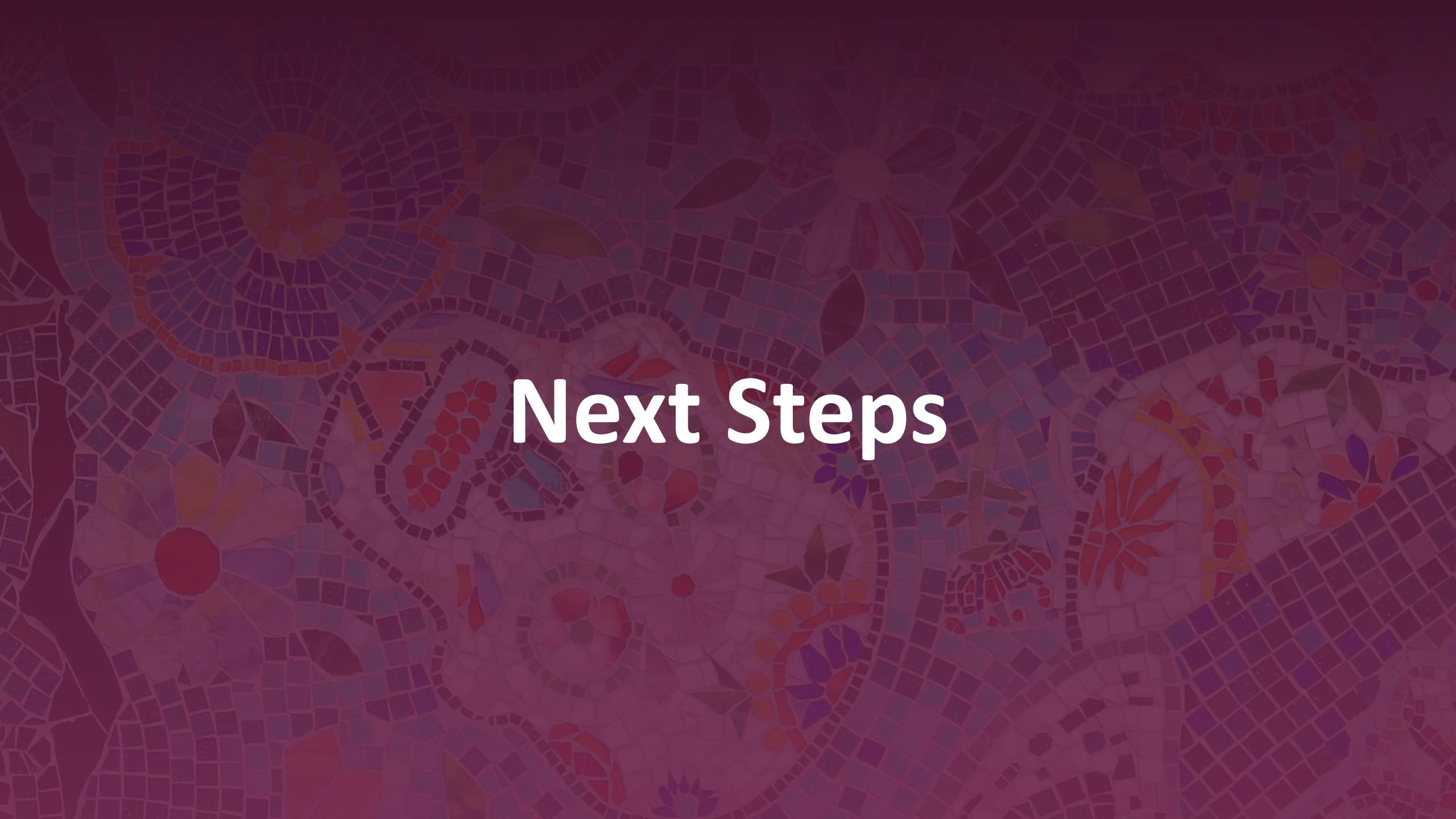


# Wildfire Response – Fuel Mitigation

Department	FY 2025-26 Proposed
Austin Energy	\$32,830,590
Austin Water	\$350,000
Fire	\$421,000
Parks and Recreation	\$834,108

## Additional wildfire mitigation efforts within Austin Fire:

- \$3.5M and 17 positions within Wildfire Division for wildfire risk reduction efforts
- Battalion 5 receives supplemental wildfire operations training
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) code plan review and inspection by Fire Marshal's Office

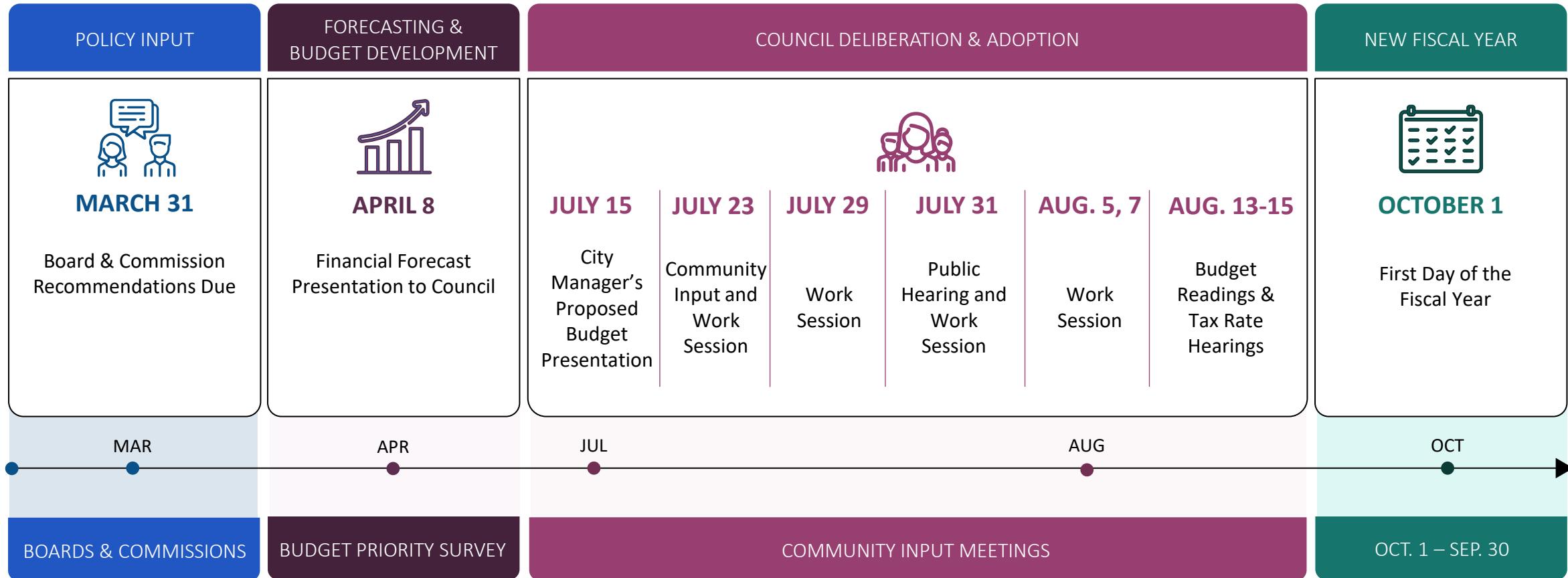


# Next Steps

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# QUESTIONS?



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## Art Featured:

La Mujer is a mosaic mural created by participants in the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center's (MACC) Caminos teen leadership program, under the guidance of local muralist J Muzacz and Caminos coordinator Frederico Geib. This permanent outdoor artwork is located at the Southeast corner of the MACC.

Iconic role models featured in the mural include Selena Quintanilla, Dolores Huerta, and Emma Barrientos, to name a few. The mural celebrates their courage and success as trailblazers in art, music, and dance as well as their dual roles of activists, mothers, and community leaders.