

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, according to the State of the Homelessness Response System report, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) highlights our local Homelessness Response System is in need of approximately \$350 million over the next 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, all remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is encumbered and unable to fund any additional investments in the homeless response system in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, during the October 22, 2024 work session, the budget office identified an estimated annual cost for ongoing needs for rapid rehousing and emergency shelters at a minimum of \$15.4 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin has a higher rate of people experiencing chronic homelessness than most other cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget strategic priorities include optimizing investments, partnerships, and service delivery to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified alleviating homelessness as a key priority; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City of Austin adopts the State of Homelessness Response System report and modeling to inform and guide investments in the homelessness response system.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

25 Starting with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, the City Manager is  
26 directed to explore sustainable funding sources, partnerships, and opportunities to  
27 prioritize ongoing investments in a balanced homelessness response system.

28 Investments should include, but are not limited to:

- 29 • Resources and staffing within the Strategy Homeless Office for  
30 collaborating City departments, community organizations, and service  
31 providers;
- 32 • Strategies to increase capacity utilization of existing interventions such  
33 as shelter and rapid rehousing by increasing the placement rates for  
34 participants into housing;
- 35 • Capital and service funds for Emergency Shelter, Permanent  
36 Supportive Housing (PSH), and Rapid Rehousing; and
- 37 • Diversion, navigation, and prevention programs and strategies.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

39 The City Manager is directed to identify any policy or administrative  
40 changes necessary to construct and operate the existing PSH units to be  
41 completed between 2024-2027 and the 575-650 units of PSH needed each year  
42 from 2028-2034. Such recommendations should include modifying the timeline  
43 and proposed usage of 2022 affordable housing bonds, prioritization of resources  
44 to and within the Housing Department and Austin Housing Finance Corporation,  
45 and what percentage of the identified PSH need should be primarily financed by  
46 the City versus other local partners.

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

49 The City Manager is directed to provide an update to the City Council by  
50 April 2025. As part of this update, the Manager should identify what funding  
51 amounts are needed for one-time capital investments and what are ongoing  
52 operational expenses. The report should also include a status update regarding on-  
53 going collaboration between regional partner entities including, but not limited to:  
54 ECHO, Travis County, Central Health, and Integral Care.

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57 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

58 Myrna Rios  
59 City Clerk