



One Voice Central Texas

CoAPublic Health Committee

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OVCT Membership Overview

One Voice Central Texas is a coalition of 98 member organizations (2023). Our members are the Executive Directors and CEOs of nonprofit health and human service organizations.

Our Mission: One Voice Central Texas influences and educates policy makers and the public about what it takes for everyone in our community to thrive, and ensures our members have the tools and resources to be effective.

- 27% identify as Leaders of Color
- Over 8,000 FTE Employees
- 403(b) Multiple Employer Retirement Plan with \$33.5 million in Plan Assets
- Providing support, training, & resources for effective nonprofit leadership

Annual Budgets of OVCT Member Organizations	
Less than \$1 million	45%
\$1 mil - \$3 mil	27%
\$3 mil - \$8 mil	9%
Over \$8 million	19%



State of Local Health and Human Service Nonprofits Post-Pandemic

Increased internal costs

- Labor - Increased & rising salaries but still lag behind market rates
- Rent - Costs for offices and utilities are rising
- Affordability - Employees moving out of area due to affordability challenges

Other challenges

- Federal funds disappearing and local funds are flat, but community needs still elevated
- High mental health needs in community and within sector
- Individual giving declining
- Smaller organizational capacity to handle complex public funds

Member experiences with city contracts

“The contracts are restrictive in how the funding may be used. We submit an annual budget and must stick to the costs submitted, though there is room to make adjustments during the year. There are 20 items that are not allowable for funding, including taxes, fundraising costs, [...] among others. The funding can be used for personnel directly related to the performance of grant-related activities, including wage increases.”

“Our overall costs have increased 3-5% in the past three years, [but] we have not had any increases in our city funding.”

“We receive city funding via HPD. Requirements and expenses continue to climb and admin has not changed in a decade. [It’s] frustrating.”

Our Members are Helping City Achieve its Goals

Our members are moving forward the 2023 goals for the City.

1. Economic Opportunity and Affordability
2. Mobility
3. Safety
4. Health and Environment
5. Culture and Lifelong Learning

The Impact of Nonprofit Organizations

In one single day...

1. “135 children were provided childcare on a federal holiday - 68 working families benefited.” (Economic Opportunity and Affordability)
2. “69 senior adults provided with transportation to attend lunch. [These] indirect services are the time to connect with others, which reduce isolation and depression.” (Mobility, Health)
3. “150 unhoused neighbors received meals, ID assistance, bus passes, mail services, technology use, blood pressure checks, and toiletries.” (Safety, Health & Environment, Mobility)
4. “3,952 meals (4,272 pounds of food) were redistributed to our neighbors. Standard value (for our tax reporting) of 1 pound of food is \$1.92, so 3,952 meals is \$9,105 worth of food. This was surplus food that was kept out of the landfill.” (Health and Environment)
5. “Over 300 multigenerational attendees came to the Tech For All Fest including seniors, students, unhoused and low income families.” (Culture and Lifelong Learning)
6. “30 clients provided with transportation to our bi-monthly social program for games, visiting, and a meal. Five additional seniors were provided a volunteer opportunity to help at this event. 20 birthday cards for the coming two weeks were mailed to isolated senior clients who rarely get other birthday greetings!” (Mobility, Health)
7. “333 clients received low/no cost health screenings and treatment [when treatment was needed], 25 clients received mental health and counseling services, and 20 clients received risk reduction counseling.” (Health, Safety)

We're asking you to...

- Grow in relationship with One Voice to learn about community needs and the nonprofit sector
- Support addressing administrative barriers to accessing and maintaining City funding
- Support an overall increase in the City's investment and commitment in health and services to Austin residents and other mechanisms to aid the nonprofit sector
- Support a cost of living increase for the City's social service contracts

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