

**RESOLUTION NO.**

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3       **WHEREAS**, the City Manager’s draft Fiscal Year 2025-2027 budget  
4 proposed eliminating a combined \$16.8 million in ongoing social service funding  
5 beginning next year; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the City Council passed a budget with a “restoration of social  
7 service funding” at \$12.8 million, but no process was specified for identifying  
8 priorities for the \$4 million in contracts between Austin Public Health, Homeless  
9 Strategy Office, Austin Community Court, and the Economic Development  
10 Department; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20160616-035 directed the funds derived from  
12 property taxes generated by formerly publicly owned land to be deposited in the  
13 Housing Trust Fund and used to advance housing affordability initiatives like local  
14 housing vouchers; and

15       **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20240814-026 directed the funds derived from  
16 delinquent property tax penalties and interest to be deposited in the House Our  
17 People Endowment Fund (HOPE Fund) to be used for capital or operating  
18 expenses for housing and service providers to supplement City efforts related to  
19 homelessness; and

20       **WHEREAS**, Council passed Resolution No. 20250130-083 adopting the  
21 Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) State of Homelessness  
22 Response System report and modeling as a guideline to inform investments in the  
23 homelessness response system, and requested staff to develop a detailed  
24 investment plan for the homelessness response system; and

25           **WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2024, the Ending Community Homelessness  
26 Coalition (ECHO) presented a 10-year system model to the Austin Public Health  
27 Committee, and Council subsequently adopted this model as guidance in  
28 Resolution No. 20250130-083, using it to inform investments in the homeless  
29 response system; and

30           **WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2025, the Homeless Strategy Office issued a  
31 memo to Mayor and Council entitled “Staff Response to Homeless Response  
32 System Ongoing Investment Opportunities (Resolution No. 20250130-083)” which  
33 included high level descriptions of interventions and suggested investment levels  
34 for the City and partner entities over the next ten years; and

35           **WHEREAS**, the Council passed a budget with a significant increase in  
36 funding to address homelessness and Resolution No. 20250813-012 directing the  
37 development of a public dashboard for homeless strategy office performance; and

38           **WHEREAS**, people enter, experience, and exit homelessness in a wide  
39 variety of ways, but unique characteristics of sub-populations require specific  
40 interventions or have specific resource opportunities; and

41           **WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20240926-075 directing  
42 Council priority areas for evaluation by the Bond Election Advisory Task Force  
43 and amended the Fiscal Year 2025-27 budget to set aside additional funding for  
44 planning for bond development; and

45           **WHEREAS**, one adopted Council parks priority that would assist Austin in  
46 becoming “the best city in the country to be a kid” is the creation of a metropolitan  
47 splash park and to be considered in the bond development process, further planning  
48 and cost estimates are required; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

50 The City Manager is directed to prepare the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget  
51 with ongoing social service funding restored and develop an evaluation process for  
52 identifying \$4 million in cuts to social service funding and present a process  
53 proposal to the Council Public Health and Economic Opportunity Committees by  
54 December 3, 2025, and this process should include notification of vendors and  
55 planning for an orderly ramp down in services.

56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

57 The City Council re-affirms its commitment to the established funding  
58 mechanisms of the Housing Trust Fund and HOPE Fund by an ongoing dedication  
59 of funds from City property taxes derived from public property returned to the tax  
60 rolls, and from penalty and interest on delinquent taxes, respectively; and the City  
61 Manager is directed to return to Council with an ordinance memorializing these  
62 funding mechanisms but allows for flexibility in budgeting during years when the  
63 City is below its financial policy for general fund reserves.

64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

65 In executing the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations investment  
66 plan, the City Manager is directed to utilize a proportional increase (15%) of the  
67 total increases in homelessness-related programs such as prevention, diversion,  
68 shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing (including operations  
69 and service dollars) to address youth homelessness, and such proportional funding  
70 does not have to be within each program administered by the Austin Homeless  
71 Strategies and Operations but rather be based on the net increase in homelessness  
72 programs referenced above. The Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations is

73 directed to monitor and regularly report on subpopulation data as part of the  
74 Homelessness Performance Dashboard.

75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

76 The City Manager is directed to utilize any funding deposited into the HOPE  
77 Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to address youth homelessness.

78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

79 The City Manager is directed to utilize homeless prevention and diversion  
80 funding to establish a new grant program dedicated to providing financial  
81 assistance to local organizations historically serving LGBTQIA+ individuals who  
82 are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused with priority to transgender,  
83 nonbinary, and gender-expansive individuals. The City Manager is directed to  
84 engage the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission in the process of  
85 drafting the scope of work for the grant program and processes to help ensure  
86 community standards and expectations are adequately represented in the newly  
87 established grant program.

88 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

89 The City Manager is directed to develop a proposal for a non-sworn public  
90 safety response pilot and present to the Council Public Safety Committee by  
91 December 1, 2025. The pilot proposal should utilize contracted third-parties to  
92 immediately augment sworn personnel. Priority should be given to scalable efforts  
93 in departments experiencing the greatest staffing shortage. If supplemental funding  
94 is required for a successful pilot, the City Manager is directed to return to Council  
95 with a mid-year budget request as appropriate.

97 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

98           The City Manager is directed to provide timely support of the bond  
99 development process by conducting a site selection, plan, and cost estimates for the  
100 metropolitan splash park in time for consideration by the Bond Election Advisory  
101 Task Force and City Council prior to setting the 2026 General Obligation Bond.

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

104 Erika Brady  
105 City Clerk

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