

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin Financial Services staff on July 30, 2026, indicated that an additional \$4,700,000 is available in ongoing public funds following certification of the property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence proposed \$5,300,000 in reductions and eliminations in social services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence recommends ensuring the long-term stability of the Housing Vouchers Program, which primarily supports permanent supportive housing units within City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, Council is committed to the sustainability of the vouchers program and high-quality social services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Council supports further evaluation of the proposed reductions and elimination of certain social services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to avoid gaps in critical services for the community; and

WHEREAS, national research identifies critical areas for community investment of social services that are needed in Austin, along with national best practices for delivering those services; and

WHEREAS, a robust process of a data-informed evaluation based on a matrix of performance measures, analysis of community needs, and alignment with the Citywide Strategic Plan and council priorities is necessary to fully inform recommendations on the social safety net that the City provides; **NOW**,

THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop recommendations for the social

services contracts that are proposed for changes as part of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget using the following guidelines:

- Under the social services contract evaluation developed from Resolution No. 20260226-056 and other relevant Council policy, develop recommendations for each affected contract: maintain it, modify it, or reduce it. With each recommendation, state the specific reasons, any documented performance concerns, whether any other provider can absorb the service, and the expected impacts;
- As part of developing the recommendations, connect the social services provided with a need in the community as identified in the Community Health Assessment and in national research and benchmarking that illustrates areas for improvement;
- Identify any gaps that may result from reductions or eliminations of services;
- Apply a performance standard in social services contracts to assess the success of the program in meeting unaddressed community needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to evaluate the social services utilizing national best practices to determine the needs of the community, national best practices for provision of services, determinants of success in the provision of services, and any other criterion to provide an adequate safety net for the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a quarterly report on the evaluations and development of recommendations for any changes to Fiscal Year 2026-2027 social services to the Audit and Finance Committee, the Public Health Committee,

and the Public Safety Committee, beginning September 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to notify Council and social services providers of any changes to contracts or other relevant information before October 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report to Council regarding the development of the social services evaluation methodology and evaluation of services on a routine basis and to complete the evaluation of social services in time for its utilization in the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 budget.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026 **ATTEST:** _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk