

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

52 In executing the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations investment plan,
53 the City Manager is directed to prioritize funding for addressing youth experiencing
54 homelessness. In carrying out such a prioritization, the Manager shall target to
55 allocate at least a representative proportion of youth experiencing homelessness
56 (15%) from the total budgetary increases in homelessness-related programs from
57 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 such as prevention, diversion,
58 shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing (including operations
59 and service dollars). Such proportional funding does not have to be within each
60 program administered by the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations but rather
61 be based on the net increase in homelessness programs referenced above.

62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

63 The City Manager is further directed to ensure that investments in
64 homelessness response also include targeted resources for veterans experiencing or
65 at risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, prevention, housing, and
66 supportive service interventions. The Commission on Veterans Affairs should be
67 engaged in developing strategies and priorities to ensure that veterans' needs are
68 represented in these investments, including specialized mental health and trauma-
69 informed care services.

70 To improve transparency and accountability, the Austin Homeless Strategies
71 and Operations shall monitor and regularly report on subpopulation data, such as,
72 but not limited to, youth, older adults, LGBTQ individuals, and veterans as part of
73 the Homelessness Performance Dashboard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

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The City Manager is directed to establish a new grant program consistent with Recommendation 20250317-006 of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission, with available revenues within the HSO budget if the 2025 tax rate election is approved. The City Manager is directed to engage the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission in the process of drafting the scope of work for the grant program and processes to help ensure community standards and expectations are adequately represented in the newly established grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify duties currently being performed by sworn personnel that could be performed by non-sworn public safety personnel through a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The goal of such a pilot should be to provide sworn personnel with greater time to perform high-priority duties and lower departmental costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

Erika Brady
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