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Community Initiated Solutions Programs

$20 million awarded to nonprofit organizations and partnerships for the following priorities:

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- Expansion and preservation of homeownership opportunities
- Other anti-displacement strategies
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Eligibility Map

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Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

**Austin Voices for Education and Youth Community Stabilization Project**

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

- Rental assistance for short-term stabilization, social work case-management to increase resource access, and workforce education, community building, advocacy and tenant rights education to increase long-term housing stability.
- Community-wide events
- Community Block Leaders will be trained in tenant and homeowner rights
Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

Organization: El Buen Samaritano
Program Name: We Belong Here : Nuestros Hogares

PROGRAM DETAILS
• Rental and utility assistance
• Advance economic mobility and opportunity through collaborations that provide access to early childhood, youth academic advancement, adult education and workforce development
• Strengthen cultural anchor capacity
Meals on Wheels Central Texas
Client Assistance Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
• Provide case management and financial assistance (including rent, utilities, mortgage, financial education, and other housing expenses) to Meals on Wheels Central Texas (MOWCTX) clients who are most at-risk of displacement.
• Case managers will also provide prevent housing displacement and maintain housing stability, budgeting/financial education, as well as community referrals and resources to supplement our services.
Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

Communities in School of Central Texas
CIS Student and Family Assistance: Relational, Timely Support to Prevent Housing Displacement

PROGRAM DETAILS
• Student and Family Assistance (SAFA) program provides financial support to address housing insecurity, helping to stabilize students' home lives and preventing displacement.
  • Integrate Project Connect rental assistance into existing financial support processes and provide training to campus-based staff
  • Connect students/families to financial wellness resources and events
Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

Mama Sana Vibrant Woman
Rental Assistance for Families of Color in Austin's Eastern Crescent

PROGRAM DETAILS
Anti-displacement rental assistance for MSVW clients (or any member of Austin's Maternal Health Equity Collaborative (MHEC)) over 3 years
Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

Austin Tenants Council (project of TRLA)
Preserving, Asserting & Growing the Rights of Austin Tenants

PROGRAM DETAILS
Increase tenant stabilization along the Project Connect corridor and maintain the important services and history that ATC has provided the Austin community by:

• Conducting General Outreach and Education on Tenants Rights along the Project Connect Corridor
• Developing and Updating Community Education Materials
• Forming and Supporting Tenants Associations along the Project Connect Corridor
• Bolstering Fair Housing Assistance Services
Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

Workers Defense Project Building And Strengthening Tenant Action
Combatting Displacement Through Tenant and Worker Power

PROGRAM DETAILS
- Educate community members on land use and affordable housing policies
- Community Organizing -
  - Forming Community Benefits Agreements
  - Tenant and worker education
- Comprehensive database of multi-family rental properties for redevelopment in Project Connect corridor
Project Descriptions – Homeownership Expansion

Del Valle Community Coalition
Homeowner Resilience Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
Provides community investment and strategies to preserve and build wealth that are responsive to homeowner needs via counseling, advocacy capacity-building, financial assistance and educational Homeowner Resilience events.
Project Descriptions – Homeownership Expansion

Business & Community Lenders
The Austin CLT Accelerator

PROGRAM DETAILS
Grow and scale the capacity of a cohort of nonprofits to increase community land trust availability, establishing long-term affordable homeownership opportunities along Project Connect transit lines to help households stabilize their finances and avoid displacement.
Project Descriptions – Homeownership Expansion

Austin Cooperative Business Foundation
Asociación de Residentes
Asociación de Residentes North Lamar
Anti-Displacement Improvements

PROGRAM DETAILS
• The Asociación de Residentes North Lamar (ARNL) is a Manufactured Housing Community owned by residents as a cooperative.
• The program will assist the residents in developing a property tax abatement strategy.
Project Descriptions – Economic Mobility

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
Connections to Work

PROGRAM DETAILS
Support economic mobility within impacted areas through workforce programs providing job training and occupational skills training credentials for living-wage positions; financial capability services; and direct rent/mortgage and utility relief for participants.
Project Descriptions – Economic Mobility

Life Anew Restorative Justice Inc.
Life Anew Anti-Displacement Property Ownership

PROGRAM DETAILS
• Education for eligible homeowners on:
  • Land ownership
  • Estate planning
  • Zero Energy
  • Condo Regimes
• Financial Literacy including credit repair, equity access, and access to banks/lenders
Interfaith Action of Central Texas_iACT  iACT Financial Education & Literacy Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
Provide financial education to vulnerable children, grades 6-12, and their families to help prepare them for a financially secure future.
Capacity Building Assistance

Support to Help Organizations Succeed

To ensure that the CIS awardees are successful, and their work has maximum impact, a Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Support Program will be available, and the services may include:

- Organizational strategic planning
- Development assistance (fundraising)
- Impact/progress measurement
- Racial equity organizational development
Next Steps

• 10/14 Community Initiated Solutions event
• Spending Dashboard release
Thank you