

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Project Connect
Anti-Displacement Investments



Presentation to the PC
Community Advisory Committee

July 11, 2024



**Partnering with
Community**
CIS Public Launch

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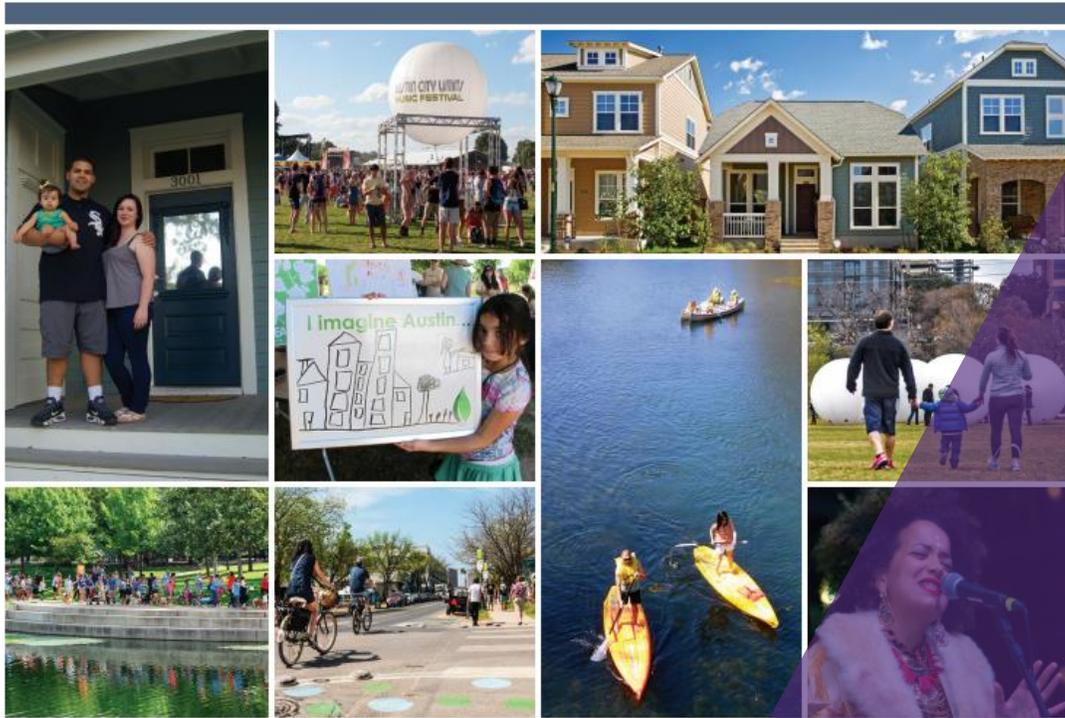
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Background and Research





AUSTIN STRATEGIC HOUSING BLUEPRINT



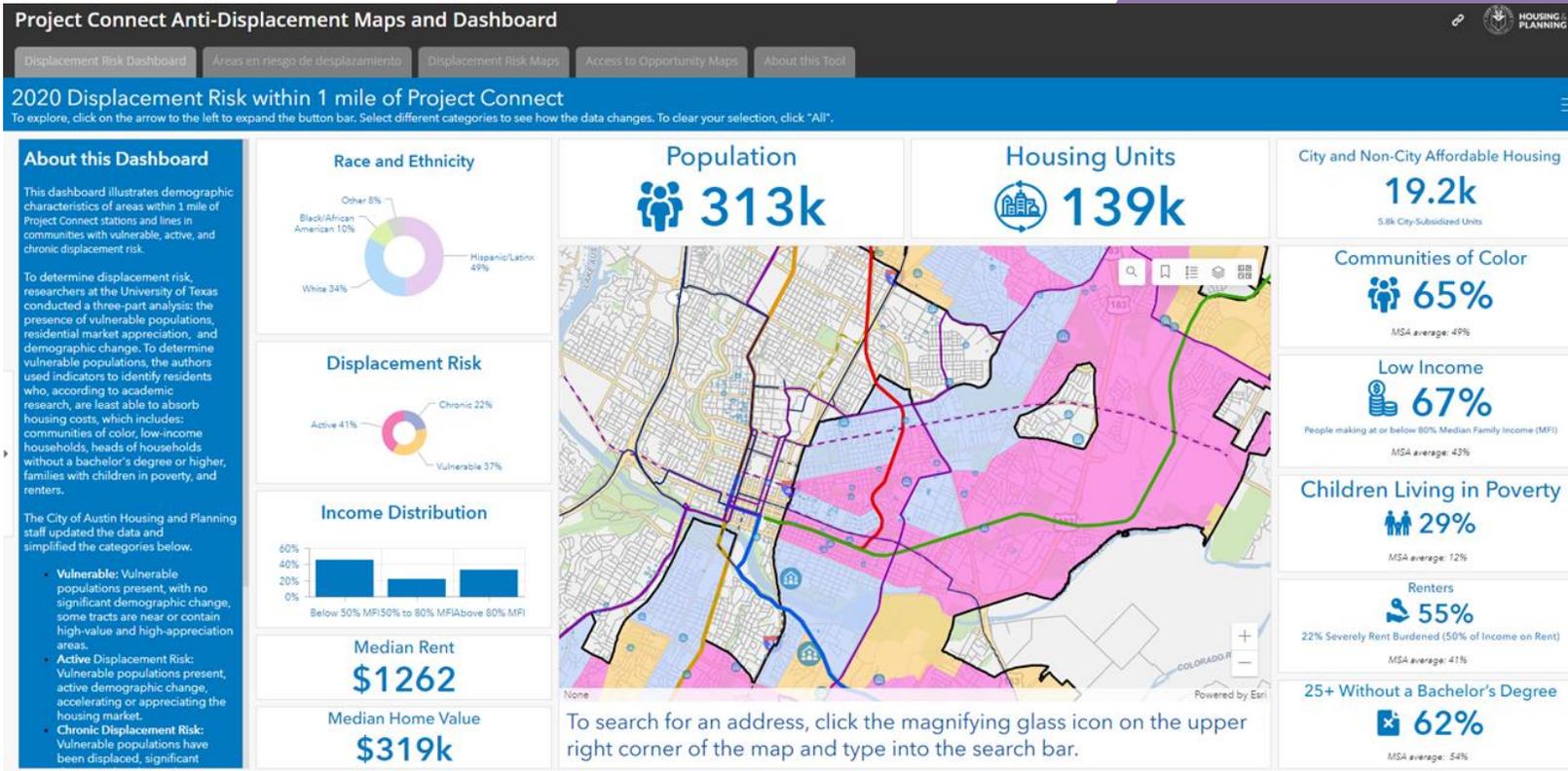
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Five Guiding Community Values

1. Prevent households from being priced out of Austin
2. Foster equitable, integrated, and diverse communities
3. Invest in housing for those most in need
4. Create new and affordable housing choices for all Austinites in all parts of Austin
5. Help Austinites reduce their household costs



Research & Data

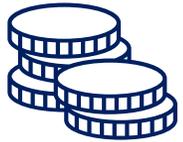


Displacement risk maps help us prioritize investments for maximum impact and community benefits.

Allocation of Funds to Date



Project Connect Anti-Displacement Funding Investments



Anti-Displacement dollars will be spent over the course of 13 years, guided by the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC).



Council, Community Catalysts, the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee, and community members have all been key stakeholders responsible for informing budget priorities.



The CAC will continue to work with community through expanded community engagement efforts and establish budget priorities every three (3) years.



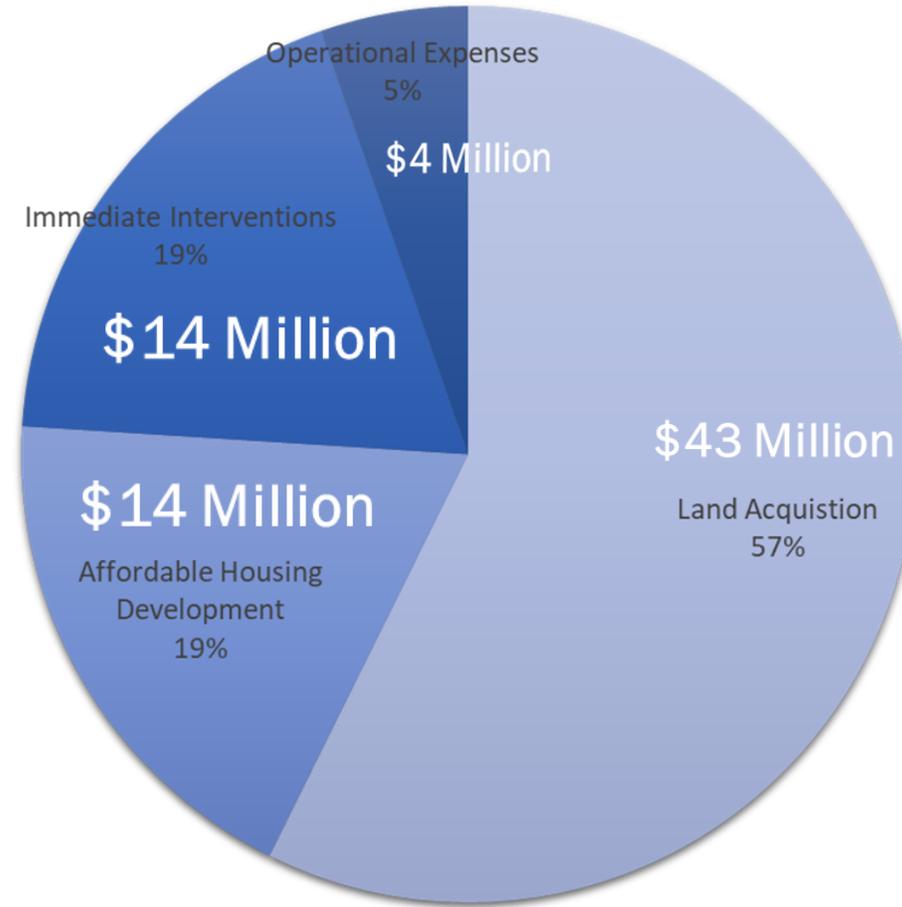
Project Connect Anti-Displacement Funding Timeline

	Fiscal Year	Amount
Years 1-3 \$100 Million	2020-21	\$23 million
	2021-22	\$42 million
	2022 - 23	\$35 million
Years 4-8 \$100 Million	2023-24	\$20 million
	2024 -25	\$20 million
	2025 -26	\$20 million
	2026-27	\$20 million
	2027-28	\$20 million
Years 9-13 \$100 Million	2028-29	\$20 million
	2029-30	\$20 million
	2030-31	\$20 million
	2031-32	\$20 million
	2032-33	\$20 million



Budget Allocations for Next Three Years

Project
Connect
Funding
FY23- FY25

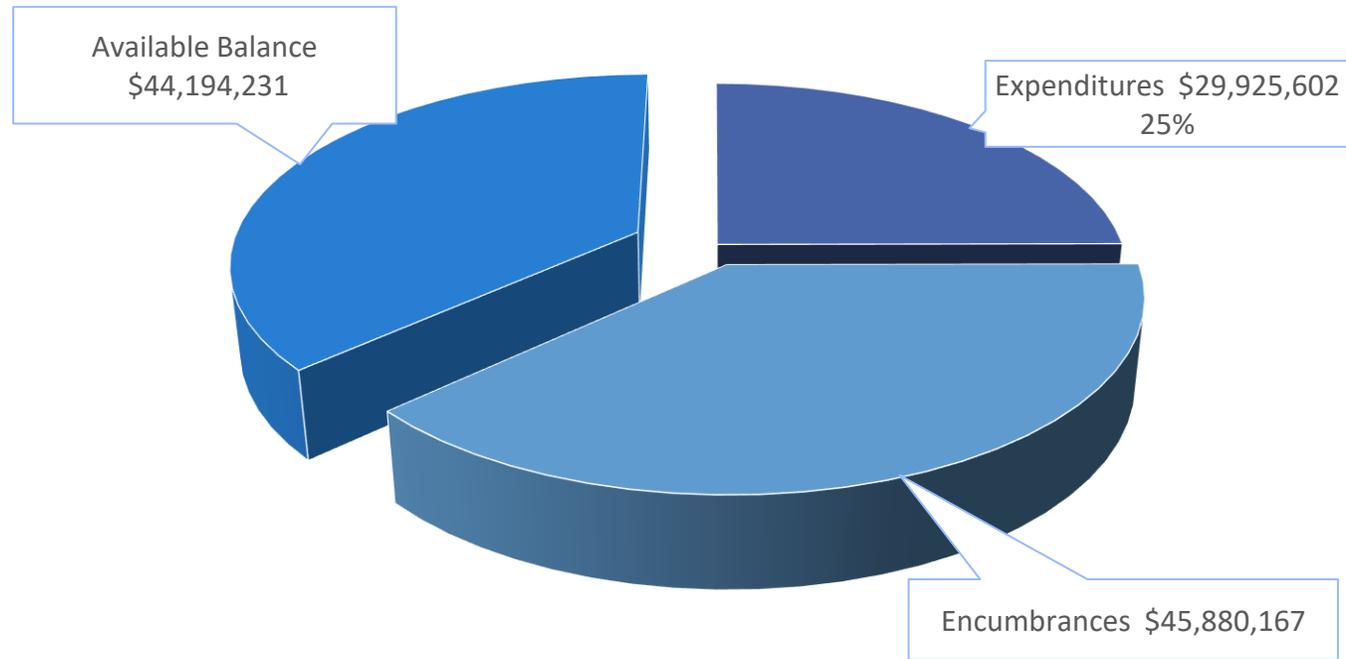


■ Land Acquisition ■ Affordable Housing Development ■ Immediate Interventions ■ Operational Expenses



Anti-Displacement Funding Allocated to Date

\$120 Million
Allocated To
Date



■ Expenditures ■ Encumbrances ■ Available Balance

Community Initiated Solutions



Project Connect – Community Initiated Solutions



Tenant Stabilization

Rental and utility assistance, case management, tenants' rights, and community organizing.



Homeownership Preservation and Expansion

Community land trust accelerator, homeowner resiliency education, tax abatement strategy.



Economic Mobility

Estate planning, workforce training, financial literacy education.



Community Initiated Solutions (Tenant Stabilization)

El Buen Samaritano

*"We Belong Here:
Nuestros Hogares"*

Funding: \$2 million
Term: 4/3/23 through
4/2/24

Workers Defense Project & Strengthening Tenant Action

Combatting Displacement

Funding: \$2 million
Funding: 4/1/23 through
3/31/26

Austin Tenants' Council (TRLA)

*Preserving, Asserting,
Growing the Rights of
Austin Tenants*

Funding: \$997,310
Term: 10/1/23 through
9/30/26



Community Initiated Solutions (Tenant Stabilization)

Meals on Wheels Central Texas

Child Assistance Program

Funding: \$900,000

Term: 5/1/23 through 4/30/26

Communities in School of Central Texas

*Student & Family Housing
Displacement Assistance*

Funding: \$1.5 million

Funding: 4/1/23 through 3/31/26

Austin Voices for Education and Youth

*North Austin/Rundberg
Community Stabilization Project*

Funding: \$1,268,000

Funding: 4/3/23 through 4/2/26

Mama Sana Vibrant Woman

*Eviction Prevention services
for households receiving
services from Austin's Maternal
Health Equity Collaborative.*

Funding: \$1,537,835 million

Funding: 1/1/24 through
12/31/26



Community Initiated Solutions (Homeowner Stabilization)

Austin Cooperative Business

*Foundation Asociación de Residentes/
Asociación de Residentes
North Lamar Anti-Displacement
Improvements*

Funding: \$516,206
Term: 4/1/23 through 3/31/26

Del Valle Community Coalition

*Homeowner Resilience
Program*

Funding: \$1.1 million
Term: 3/1/23 through 2/28/26

Business & Community Lenders (BCL)

*The Austin Community Land
Trust Accelerator*

Funding: \$2 million
Term: 4/1/23 through 3/31/26



Community Initiated Solutions (Economic Mobility)

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Connections to Work

Funding: \$2 million

Term: 4/1/23 through 3/31/25

Life Anew Restorative Justice Inc.

*Anti-Displacement Property
Ownership*

Funding: \$2 million

Term: 4/1/23 through 3/3/26

InterFaith Action of Central Texas

*iACT Financial Education &
Literacy Program*

Funding: \$256,650

Term: 11/1/23 through 9/30/25

Community Initiated Solutions

503

Total Households Served
(direct services)

473

Households of Color Served

47,144

People reached via classes, flyers, etc.
(indirect services)

Project Focus

All

CIS Organization

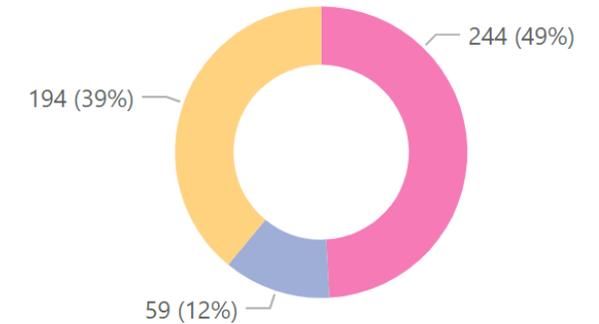
All

Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) Projects

CIS Organization	Total Funds Awarded	Project Term (Years)	Number of People Reached
Austin Member-Owned Business Foundation ARNL	\$516,206	3	87
Austin Voices for Education and Youth	\$1,268,000	3	34,143
BCL of Texas	\$2,000,000	3	
Communities in School of Central Texas	\$1,500,000	3	
Del Valle Community Coalition	\$1,100,000	3	1,947
El Buen Samaritano	\$2,000,000	1	9,383
Goodwill Industries of Central Texas	\$2,000,000	2	
Interfaith Action of Central Texas	\$256,650	2	
Life Anew Restorative Justice Inc.	\$2,000,000	3	26
Meals on Wheels Central Texas	\$900,000	3	
TRLA (Austin Tenants Council Project)	\$997,310	3	790
Workers Defense Project/Building and Strengthening Tenant Action	\$2,000,000	3	768
Total	\$16,538,166		47,144

Displacement Risk by Number of Households

● Active ● Chronic ● Vulnerable



962

Children Living in Poverty Served

448

Total Renter Households Served

445

HHs Without a Bachelor's Degree Served



Community Initiated Solutions – Next Steps

\$10 Million for Phase II

Additional funding made available for existing CIS partners. Applications will be submitted this summer and evaluated by community evaluators and CAC members.



\$5 Million for New CIS Submissions

This fall, new funding will be made available for new applications with a priority focused on projects that expand economic mobility.



Next Steps

- Continued collaboration with City of Austin staff, ATP, and CapMetro.
- Continued coordination with community to assess neighborhood priorities.
- Ongoing updates to our displacement risk maps.
- Evaluation of CIS programs to determine effectiveness and continued funding needs.
- Affirmative marketing of programs to connect residents to needed resources.
- Stakeholder engagement to develop KPI's.



Thank You.

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