

Project Connect Community Advisory Committee

Anti-Displacement Working Group 2024 Community
Initiated Solutions Recommendations

Recommendation

Applicant	Years	Priority area	Households served	Allocation
El Buen Samaritano	1	Tenant Stabilization/Economic Mobility	200 or more	\$1,000,000
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)	3	Tenant Stabilization	200 or more	\$2,000,000
Communities in Schools	3	Tenant Stabilization	200 or more	\$2,000,000
Austin Voices for Education and Youth (AVEY)	2	Tenant Stabilization	100-200	\$500,000
Goodwill Central Texas	2	Economic Mobility	200 or more	\$1,725,000
Meals on Wheels Central Texas	3	Tenant Stabilization/Homeowner Preservation	200 or more	\$1,475,000
Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT)	3	Economic Mobility	100-200	\$975,000
Del Valle Community Coalition (DVCC)	3	Tenant Stabilization/Homeowner Preservation	200 or more	\$1,225,000
Total request				\$10,900,000

Decision-making Process

The review panel followed the process below to finalize their recommendations.

1. All applications were considered in the order of the ranking designated by the community evaluators to meaningfully include community members in the decision process.
2. The Working Group decided to limit all awards to a maximum of \$1 million per year of program in conversation with staff. This allowed all applicants to receive funding and ensured that the maximum number of residents could be served among the various program priority areas (Expansion and Preservation of Home Ownership, Renter Tenant Stabilization, and Other Anti-displacement measures)
3. The four applicants who were ranked lower by the evaluators were each awarded \$275,000 less than requested, with direction to staff to adjust the scope of work with the applicants, as necessary. This allowed the working group to achieve balance between program priority areas and to ensure that all applicants received enough funding to carry out their proposed program of work in a fair manner.