



HOUSING
DEPARTMENT

Community Initiated Solutions Programs Update

Community Advisory Committee

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Community Initiated Solutions Programs

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



Renter/tenant stabilization



Expansion and preservation of homeownership opportunities



Other anti-displacement strategies



Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

- El Buen Samaritano *We Belong Here : Nuestros Hogares*
- Austin Voices for Education and Youth – *North Austin/Rundberg Community Stabilization Project*
- Meals on Wheels Central Texas: *Client Assistance Program*
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Project Descriptions – Homeownership Expansion

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Asociación de Residentes North Lamar Anti-Displacement Improvements
- Del Valle Community Coalition
Homeowner Resilience Program
- Business & Community Lenders
The Austin Community Land Trust Accelerator



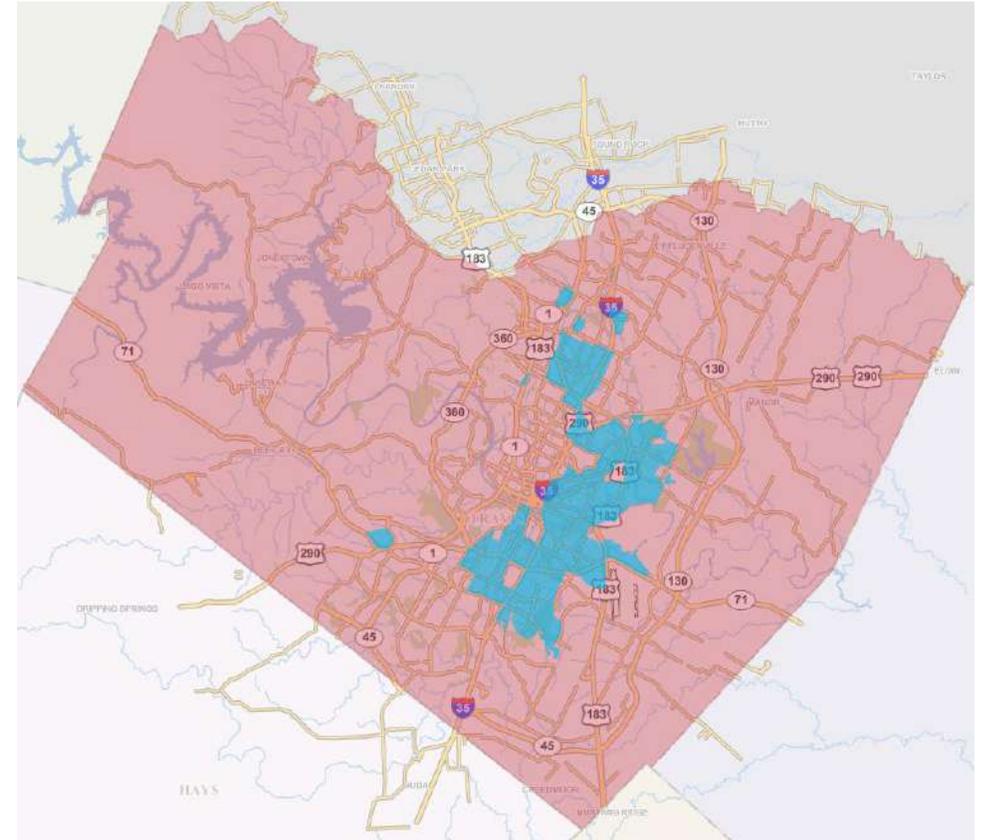
Project Descriptions – Economic Mobility

- Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
Connections to Work
- Life Anew Restorative Justice Inc.
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- Interfaith Action of Central Texas_iACT
iACT Financial Education & Literacy Program



Eligibility Map

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Community Initiated Solutions Eligibility

219 E 6th St, Austin, TX, 78701, USA

Results:1

▼ CIS_No

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CIS Eligible: No

Community Initiated Solutions Eligibility

56 Llano St, Austin, TX, 78702, USA

Results:1

▼ DisplacementRiskAreas_ProjectConnect

CIS Eligibility	Yes
DISPLACEMENT RISK	Chronic Displacement Risk
DESCRIPTION	Vulnerable populations have been displaced, demographic change has occurred and the housing market is high value and appreciated or appreciating.



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



Project Descriptions – Tenant Stabilization

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

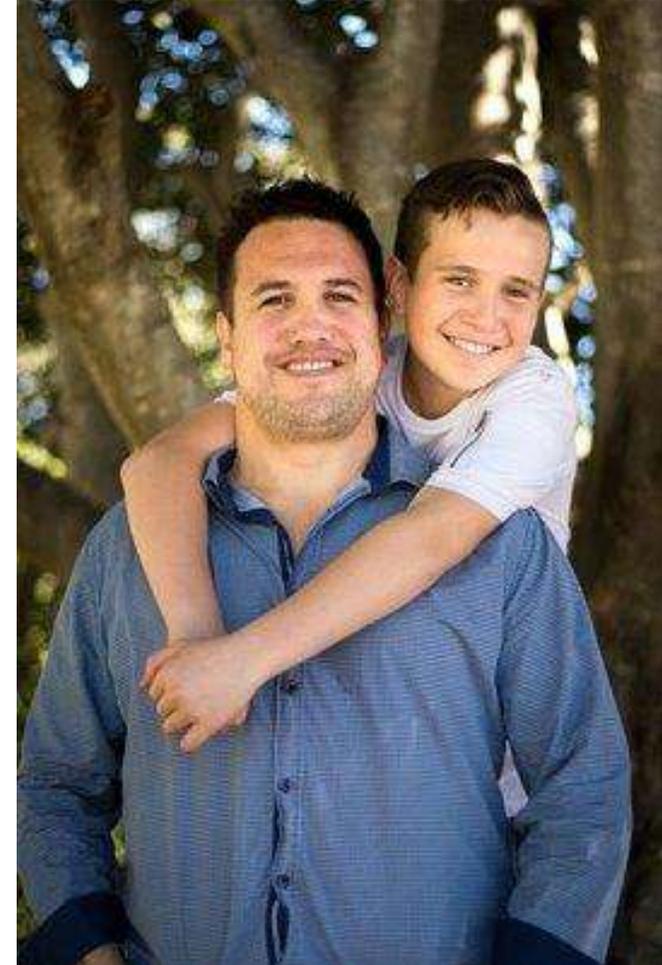
Austin Tenants Council (project of TRLA)

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.





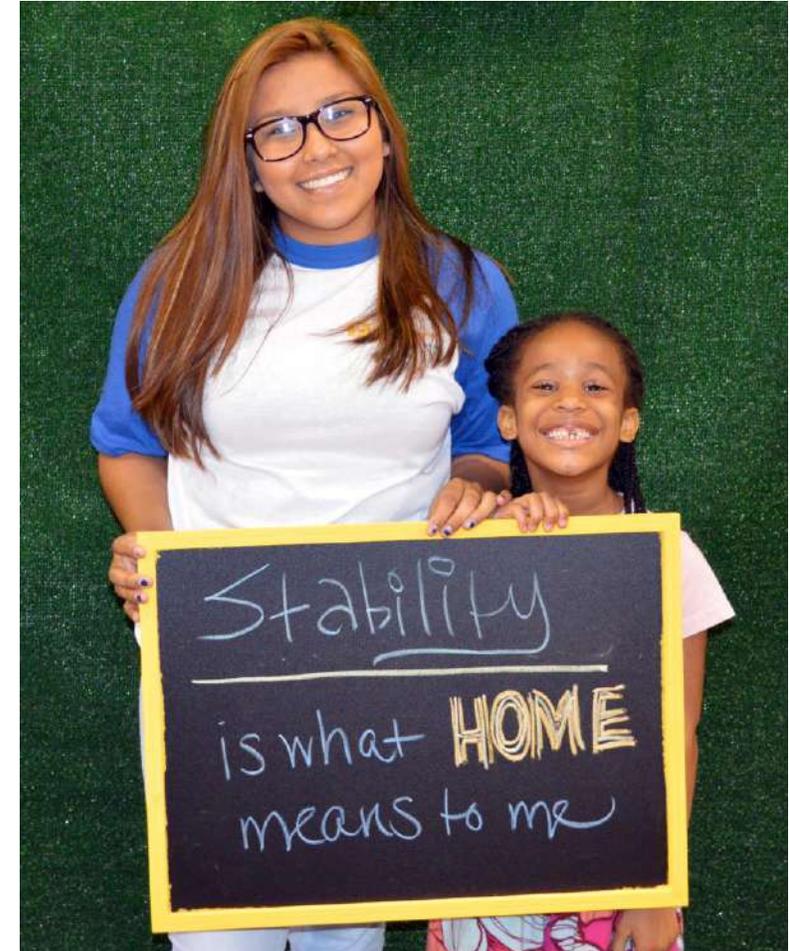
Project Descriptions – Homeownership Expansion

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





Project Descriptions – Economic Mobility

**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



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Thank you