

Austin Public Health Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund



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RISE Fund

- April 9, 2020 Resolution
- \$15M to provide immediate direct services and assistance.
- Relief to:
 - Lower income and vulnerable
 - Ineligible for other forms of assistance
 - Other forms of assistance not sufficient or timely to meet basic needs

Populations and Providers

- Priority Populations
 - Communities of color
 - LGBTQI+
 - Survivors of Domestic Violence
 - Other historically marginalized
 - Immigrants
 - Seniors
- Service Providers that demonstrate trust and success reaching priority populations

Fund Distribution

- Direct Relief Services – half - \$7.5M
 - Food Access
 - Rent/mortgage Assistance
 - Diapers, baby formula, child care
 - Other services to meet basic needs
 - Necessary expenses - utilities
 - Medical expenses
 - Case Management

- Direct Financial Assistance – half - \$7.5M
 - Legally allowable transfers or one-time payments (pre-paid debt or credit)
 - Existing framework established by APH to properly account for funds

Application Evaluation

- Applications evaluated and scored.
- Considerations given to agencies:
 - who have experience administering direct assistance to clients
 - who currently serve one or more priority populations
 - with the capacity to start the administration of the funds immediately and efficiently
 - that demonstrate they will provide funds with an equity focus

Client Eligibility

- Directly impacted by COVID-19
- Priority populations
- Low-Income, at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Residents of Austin/ Travis County
- Other forms of assistance are insufficient or not timely
- Ineligible for CARES' Economic Impact Payment (per IRS guidelines)

AWARDED AGENCIES

Agency/Program	Amount
Austin Area Urban League - RISE	\$500,000
Austin Diaper Bank - RISE	\$356,000
Austin Voices for Education and Youth - RISE Emergency Relief	\$450,000
Caritas of Austin - RISE	\$1,000,000
Catholic Charities of Central Texas - RISE	\$1,600,000
Central Texas Food Bank - RISE	\$2,000,000
El Buen Samaritano - RISE	\$500,000
Family ElderCare	\$277,241
Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas	\$202,300
Goodwill Industries of Central Texas - RISE Goodwill COVID-19 Relief	\$1,255,487
Meals on Wheels and More - RISE	\$250,000
Muslim Community Support Services	\$226,046
No More No Mas	\$120,000
SAHELI - RISE	\$1,000,000
St. Vincent De Paul	\$1,000,000
Survive2 Thrive - Domestic Violence Resources	\$800,000
The ARC of the Capital Area - RISE Beyond COVID-19	\$250,000
Workers Assistance Program	\$250,000
Workers Defense Project - Emergency Financial Assistance	\$400,000
Wright House Wellness Center -RISE Operations Got Your Back	\$35,063

Getting Help

- Call 2-1-1 for updated information
- Information that will be requested
 - Demographic: race, ethnicity, age, gender
 - Resident of the City of Austin and/or Travis County
 - Proof of Income
 - Documentation of loss of income due to COVID-19 (separation letter, etc.)

Questions?

