
#HIV: HOUSING IS VITAL

Housing is healthcare in the battle against the virus.



The interior courtyard of the Roosevelt Gardens complex, which will be developed by Project Transitions in 2020.

HIV is still spreading in Central Texas. In fact, Travis County is one of 48 counties responsible for more than half of all new infections nationwide.

Effective treatment for HIV saves lives and makes a person 96% less likely to spread the virus to others. But sticking with that treatment requires housing stability.

Meanwhile, more than 3,000 people with HIV in Austin are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing, according to data from the HIV Planning Council.

That's why we're developing 101 new units of affordable housing for people with HIV. These units will help stop the spread of the virus in Central Texas.

We hope compassionate, strategic community leaders will join us in the HIV: Housing is Vital Campaign.

Project Transitions will develop two sites in Northwest Austin that will provide 101 units of affordable supportive housing for people living with HIV.

The City of Austin Affordability Unlocked bonds together with funding from the State of Texas are anticipated to provide approximately 84%* of the total project cost, pending future applications.

By building these homes, we will:

- **House a significant number of Austinites experiencing homelessness** and living with HIV,
- Enable those individuals to make a **lasting connection to HIV treatment**, something that isn't possible on the streets,



Street view of Roosevelt Gardens.

- Provide a **pathway to stability** by meeting other long-unmet needs, including mental health and substance use treatment,
- **Reduce the overall HIV infection rate in Austin** by preventing the spread of the virus, and
- **Reduce the overall number of people who are experiencing homelessness in Austin.**

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors and volunteers, Project Transitions has been **servicing indigent and homeless people with HIV for 30 years** in our community. We have owned and operated 30 units of housing since 1995.

But as people live longer with HIV, and as our community continues to grow, those **30 units don't come anywhere close to meeting the existing need.**



Burnet Place, which will be developed in 2021.

THE PLAN

Phase 1 - We will redevelop our existing Roosevelt Gardens property in Northwest Austin, nearly doubling the capacity from 22 to 40 apartment homes with a mix of studios, 1-, and 2-bedroom apartments. The complex will be built around a private outdoor courtyard, with space for community gatherings and on-site, comprehensive support services.

Phase 2 - We will develop an entirely new property at 8007 Burnet Road. This brand-new facility will offer 61 affordable, supportive living 1-bedroom apartment homes, a telehealth clinic, a commercial kitchen, a community garden, food pantry, and ample indoor and outdoor community space.

We are scheduled to break ground on Phase 1 in October 2020, and on Phase 2 in Spring 2021.

“Housing is without question the most significant service gap within the Austin area ... the implications for continuity of HIV care are profound.”

INVESTING IN RESULTS

The City of Austin and the State of Texas have made significant investments in this project. **But we must still raise an estimated \$2 million in private funding*** to make these developments a reality.

Every private dollar we raise for this project will be leveraged by \$10 of public and foundation investment.

Your investment will **provide a home** and a **pathway to stability** for people with HIV in extreme need. And it will help **stop the spread** of new HIV infections in our community.

We hope you will consider joining us in the work to end HIV in Austin. Recognition opportunities are available.

FIGHTING SMARTER AND HARDER



We'll be leveraging technology to meet the very complex needs of the people we serve.

The Burnet Road development will be equipped with an on-site telehealth center to provide ongoing connections to HIV, mental and behavioral health, and addiction treatment. This approach could provide a model for other communities.



We'll make sure we're meeting the greatest need.

Partnering with the City of Austin Housing Authority and the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), a percentage of units will be reserved for the chronically homeless.



We'll be reaching heavy users of emergency public health services and save tax-payer dollars

The lifetime public health cost of just one new case of HIV is more than \$370,000; in 2018 there were 205 new diagnoses. By backing up a “housing first” model with intensive medical and social supports, we have the opportunity to achieve community savings over time.

**Subject to change based on funding applications still pending*