



CITY OF EL PASO

# Texas Health & Human Services – Healthy Community Collaborative Grant

An El Paso Helps Project  
Community + Human Development



# The Healthy Community Collaborative Grant (HCC)

- Administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, provides funding to establish or expand formal community collaboratives that serve individuals experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness **and** who have unmet behavioral health needs.
- Grant provides up to 5 years of state funding to expand local behavioral health and homelessness initiatives, requiring a **100% local match** (cash or in-kind) and demonstrated collaboration among government, healthcare, and community partners.
- **Estimated Max Award Amount: \$15,000,000**

# El Paso Helps

## *and why now matters*

- **El Paso Helps** is a coordinated system led by the City of El Paso that connects people experiencing homelessness to shelter, behavioral health care, & long-term housing through a centralized Welcome Center and network of community partners.
- Since launching in 2023, El Paso Helps has transformed how we respond to people in crisis by breaking down silos, improving coordination, and ensuring faster access to critical services.
- Builds on the momentum of the **H.E.A.R.T. Initiative** by strengthening collaboration across agencies and continuing a coordinated care model centered on compassion and measurable outcomes.
- The HCC grant offers a 5-year opportunity to **diversify funding** beyond the federal entitlement and advance priorities identified in our community needs assessment.



# Supporting El Pasoans in Crisis



## Resilience Navigators

- Navigation
- Case management
- Basic needs
- Housing support
- HOME-ARP Funds end '28



## Street Outreach

- 24/7 social worker support
- Faster crisis response
- Expanded service access
- HOME-ARP Funds end '28



## Welcome Center

- Stabilization, triage & referral
- Shelter, meals, showers & laundry
- ARPA Funds end Aug. '26



## Rapid Rehousing/ Homeless Prevention

- Permanent housing support
- Rental support
- Intensive case management
- HOME-ARP Funds end '28



## Behavioral Health

- Behavioral health services info
- Appointment assistance
- Funded by E.H.N

# Overview of Grant Proposal

Organization	Key Services	Annual Match Contribution	Annual Grant Request
<b>City of El Paso</b>	Fiscal oversight, compliance, governance, and match verification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Department - Mobile Integrated Health staff time and related program costs</li> <li>• Animal Services - Vaccinations, microchipping, and support to pets</li> </ul>	<b>\$291,340.00</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>
<b>County of El Paso</b>	Match contribution and supportive service coordination	<b>\$1,845,200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Opportunity Center (Welcome Center)</b>	Central triage hub for housing, shelter, and behavioral health; Texas Tech Health Sciences Center provides psychiatric care and training	<b>\$768,225.00</b>	<b>\$1,110,000.00</b>
<b>PHIX</b>	Regional data sharing and evaluation integration	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>
<b>United Way</b>	Trauma-informed navigation, case management, counseling, homeless prevention	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$625,000.00</b>
<b>Amistad</b>	Street outreach, housing placement, and transportation services	<b>\$212,759.00</b>	<b>\$490,000.00</b>
<b>Aliviane</b>	Behavioral health and substance use treatment and recovery support	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>

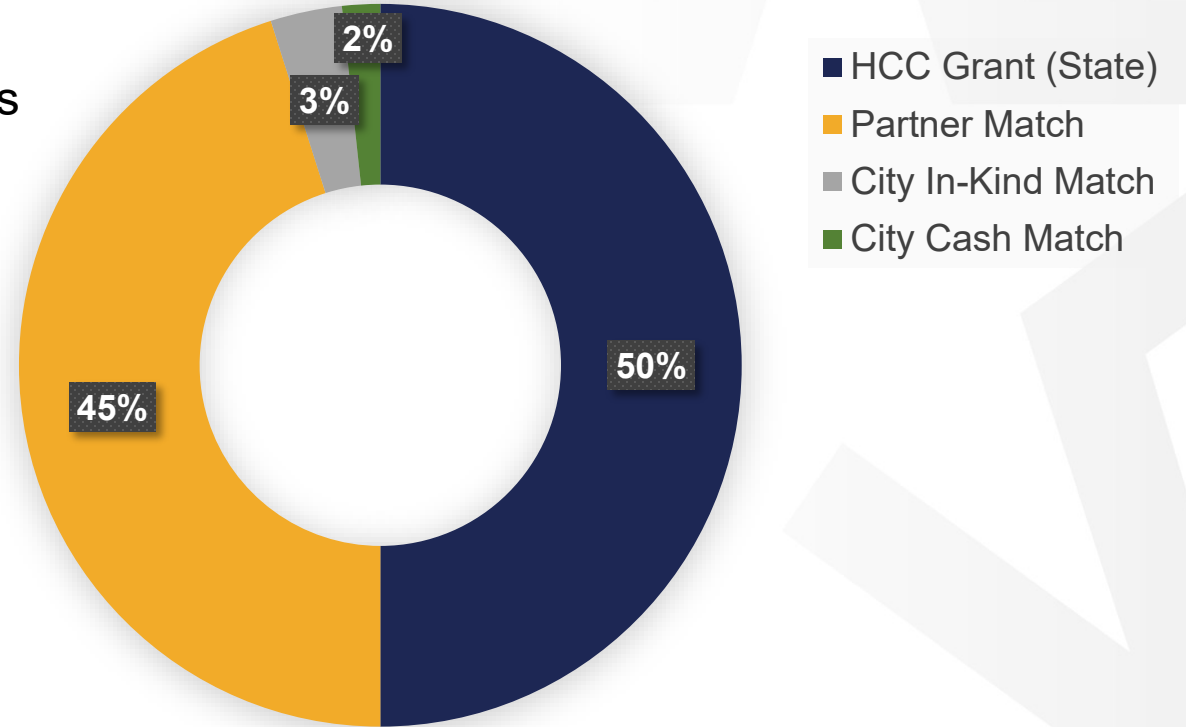
# Funding Composition

## City of El Paso Match

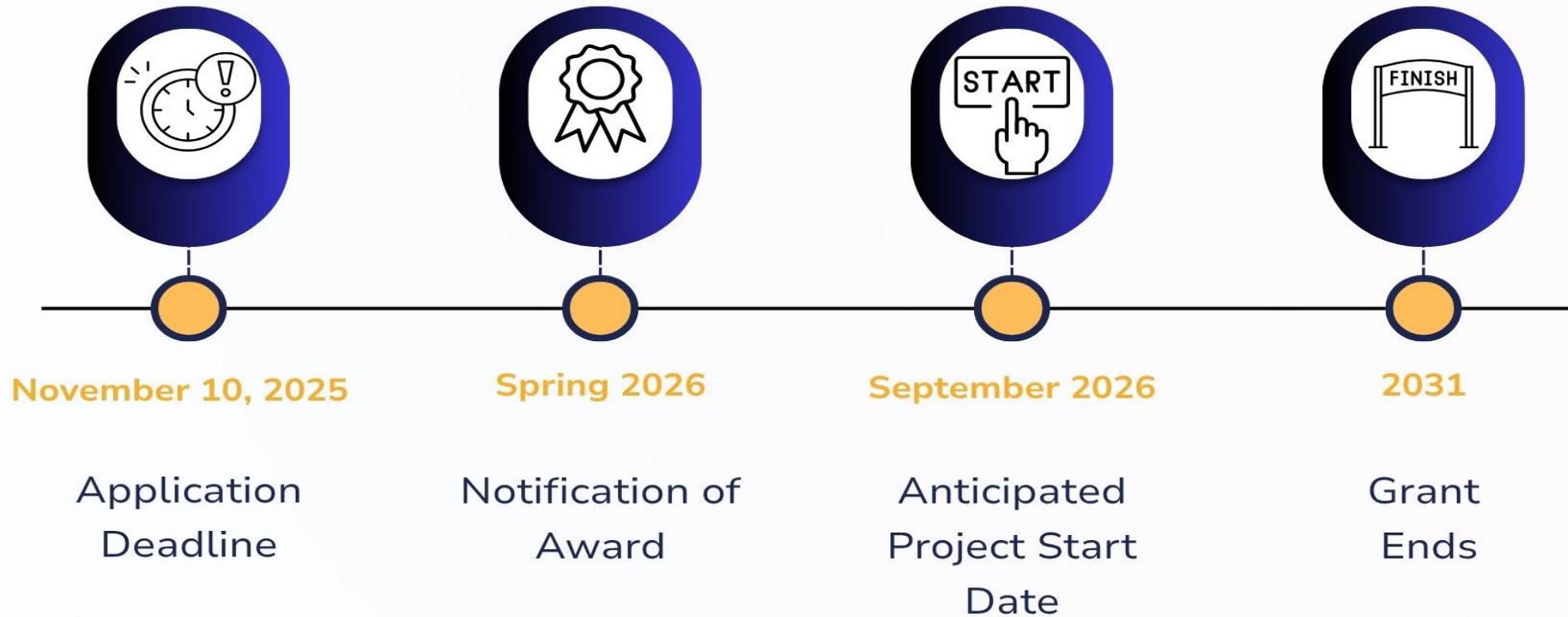
- City Cash - \$500,000 from General Fund for 5 years
- City In-kind - \$956,700 for 5 years

Partner In-Kind and Cash Match - \$13,543,300

**Total Project Amount - \$30,000,000.00**



# Next Steps



# Council Action Requested

*Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Health and Human Services Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) grant Program requesting grant funding in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 with a \$500,000.00 cash match and \$956,700.00 as in-kind match required from the City, and \$13,543,300.00 as match contributions from Program Partners, for the El Paso Helps Project.*



# Thank you to all of our partners



**EL PASO**  
**HELPS**



**24/7 Street Outreach**  
**915-298-1115**



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## MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

## VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



## VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople