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After question three, which questions from the flowchart are you prepared to answer?

Is there funding?
Which department holds the funding?
How much funding is there?
Which orgs receive it?
How is success measured?
What are the impacts, and gaps?

Root Cause Analysis

Story: What did you hear from the community?

The Austin Police Office of the Community Liaison is a critical department that needs intentional funding. They do amazing work each year to connect with and educate the community on public safety issues, and other culturally relevant matters that involve interactions with the Austin Police Department.

Problem: What is the problem you identify?

The Austin Police Department Community Liaison receives no funding from the Austin Police Department or the City of Austin. Therefore all the programming and resources they provide are funded by personal donations in the community. This is a problem.

How does the problem show up in your community? Who is most impacted by the problem?

This shows up in the Community Liaison having to work hard to first raise funds before the programs can actually occur in the community. This is unfair and a misuse of the Liaison's time, energy and resources. The Community Liaison is impacted as they are restricted in what they can do in the community. The community is impacted because this lack of funding is well known so the reputation of the police department and the City are tarnished as this lack of funding represents a lack of concern for the community they serve.

Is there funding to address the problem?

Yes

Do multiple departments administer these funds?

Yes

What is the primary department that administers the funds?

Police

What is the secondary department that administers the funds? City Manager's Office

What are the impacts of the funding? The direct impact of receiving this funding will be a better opportunity for the Police Community Liaison to serve the community without the stress of fundraising their own funds.

Considering all of the information you have or have not collected above, how do we solve for this problem? We believe this issue could be solved with the investment of a \$25,000 annual budget for the Austin Police Department Community Liaison. This could be solved quickly and would demonstrate APD and the City are concerned about our community and their relationship with the community.
