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<b>After question three, which questions from the flowchart are you prepared to answer?</b>	Is there funding? Which department holds the funding? How much funding is there?

## Root Cause Analysis

<b>Story: What did you hear from the community?</b>	The housing market is increasingly unaffordable.
<b>Problem: What is the problem you identify?</b>	In 2013, 48% of Austin renters spent more than 30% of their household income on housing. Austin renters and homeowners continue to spend a higher percentage of their income on housing.
<b>How does the problem show up in your community? Who is most impacted by the problem?</b>	<p>Gentrification continues to push individuals out of their homes and out of their established communities. The high cost of housing is making it increasingly difficult for Hispanic/Latino Austinites to live in the city. Lack of affordable housing is also among the most common causes of homelessness. Those most impacted are very low and extremely low-income households.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, the Housing Trust Fund, which is at \$14 million, is being discussed right now, and there will be re-considerations on how this money is spent due to the pandemic.</p>
<b>Is there funding to address the problem?</b>	Yes
<b>Do multiple departments administer these funds?</b>	No
<b>Which department holds the funding?</b>	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
<b>How much funding is identified to address this problem?</b>	\$14 M

**Considering all of the information you have or have not collected above, how do we solve for this problem?**

The Commission recommends allocating funding to affordable housing, specifically centering residents at 30%-40% MFI and below. The Commission understands that due to COVID-19, the \$14 M Housing Trust Fund may be unavailable, and advocates implementing the original recommendation passed before the pandemic occurred. The Commission recommends NHCD present relevant results and metrics to the Commission regarding the allocation of funding and the impact it has on the Hispanic/Latino community. This recommendation is aligned with the following SD2023 Outcome: Economic Opportunity & Affordability.

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