

# Travis County PROP A: Child Care and Afterschool And Summer Programming

Next Steps for Implementation

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# Background

On November 5, 2024, Travis County Voters approved a 2.5 cent tax rate increase that will generate over \$75 million to increase access to affordable and high-quality child care and afterschool/summer programming and related services for low-income families and develop and administer related workforce and economic development programs.

# Overview of Strategies

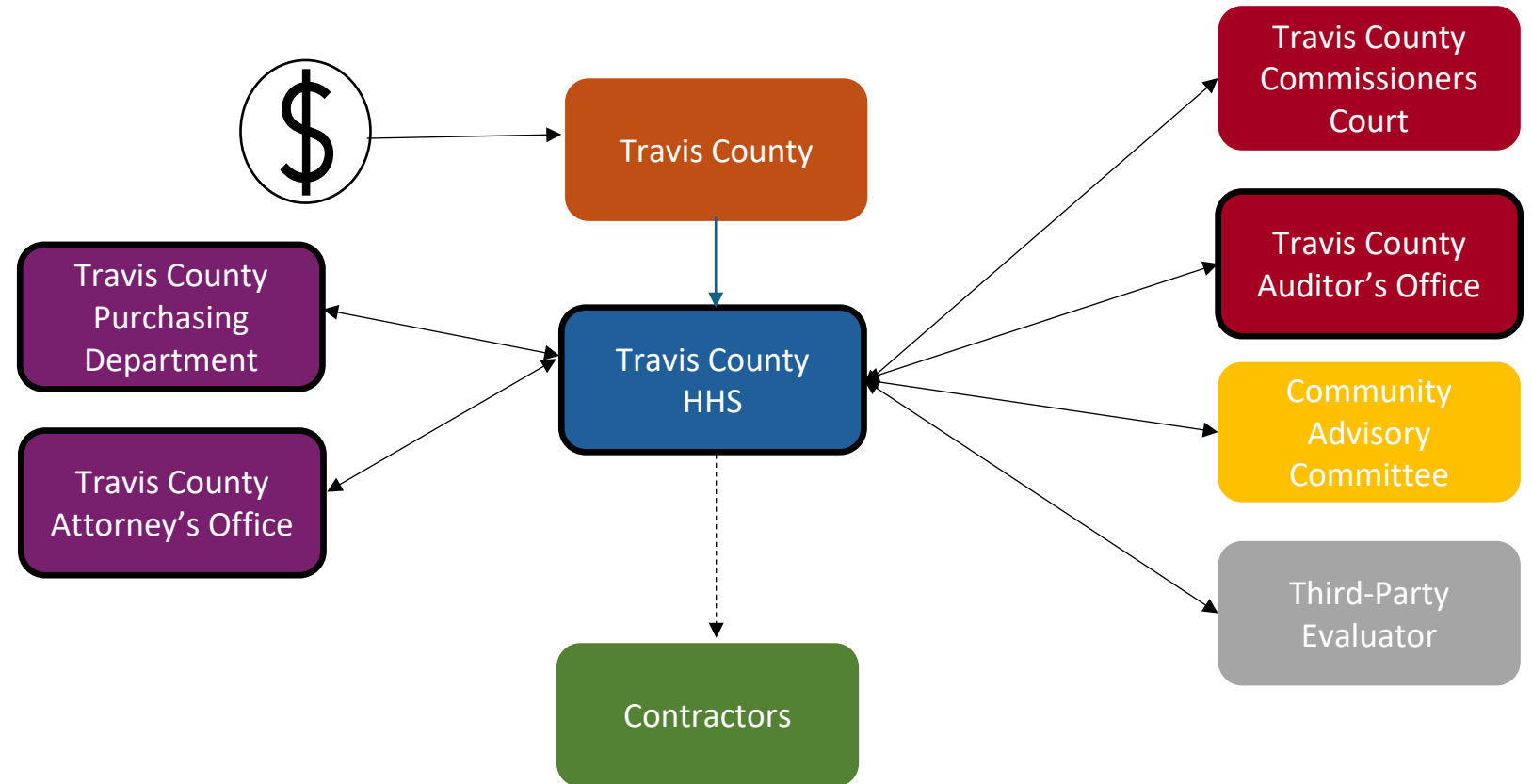
Four strategies will serve as a baseline for developing and implementing expanded child care and afterschool and summer programming in Travis County.

- Strategy 1: Expand slots for infants/toddlers (ages 0-3) and for afterschool and summer programming (PreK-12th grade)
- Strategy 2: Expand non-traditional hour care
- Strategy 3: Build quality and capacity
- Strategy 4: Business Government Alliance for business contributions to employee child care costs by matching public funds

# Structure and Staffing

A start up focus is hiring staff to carry out the County's work.

- HHS Program Staff:
  - Manager, Planners, Community Engagement, Communications
- Staff to ensure checks and balances in:
  - County Auditor's Office
  - Purchasing Department
  - County Attorney's Office
  - HHS Finance



# Community Engagement

## Listening sessions

- Early 2025
- Gather input from stakeholders to inform program design

## Advisory Council

- Incorporate community voice in the planning and on-going implementation of Voter-Approved funds

## Communications Plan

- Name and branding
- Updates about implementation progress
- Information about available services

# Program Implementation

Implement services using a phased approach throughout 2025 and 2026.

- **Near term investments:** Explore expanding existing County contracts to begin providing services in 2025 and lower the wait for families on waitlists
- **Implement Strategies:** Design programs and procure services in the four strategies to expand services in 2026
  - Refine program design using strategy outlines, examples from other communities, and community input
  - Seek approval of program policies by Commissioner's Court
  - Plan for procurement and develop scopes of work for the services the County seeks to procure
  - Procure services including administrator(s), service providers, third-party evaluator

# Ongoing Program Operations

- Selected contractors will be responsible for the day-to-day program operations
- County staff will oversee and manage contracts to ensure compliance
- Third-party evaluator will evaluate programs and report outcomes to stakeholders and the Commissioners Court.
- County staff, contractors, the Advisory Council, and other stakeholders, will partner to maximize resources, identify gaps in services, prevent duplication of services, and refine the strategies as needed to improve service delivery.

# Key Milestone Targets

