

City-Wide Summer Youth Programming and Summer Preparedness



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Agenda

- Department Activities for Summer Youth
- Heat Communication & Resources
- Resilience Heat Plan
- Cool Neighborhoods Update





Parks & Recreation, Public Library, Human Services, SAFD, SAPD

Youth & Teen Summer Programs

Youth Programs & Teen Camps



- Summer Youth - Ages 6 to 14
- Summer Teen Camp – Ages 13 to 18
- 8 Week Program
 - June - August
- Art, Math, Science, Kayaking, Sports, Fitness, Dance, and Robotics
- 24 Parks Sites
- 23 School Sites



Outdoor Pools & Splash Pads



24 Outdoor Pools

- **Special Programs**
 - Senior Swim Hour Pilot
 - Aqua Fitness
- **Swimming Lessons**
 - Free Group Swim Lessons
 - Three 2-Week Sessions
 - Ages 6 months to Adult



Now Hiring



Summer Youth Program Staff

- Ages 18+
- Supervisors, Site Staff, Instructors

Lifeguards

- Ages 16+
- Lifeguards, Supervisors
- Must Pass Red Cross Certification
 - Recruitment Clinics Held @ Natatorium
- Incentives available up to \$800



Public Library - Children Programing



- Encourage joyful connections to the library through books
- Live, in-person learning opportunities
- Weekly collectable bookmarks with character reveals
- Thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation book donations



A young patron works on her "Museum in a Box" during a Summer with SAPL program at Brook Hollow Branch Library, July 6, 2024.

Public Library - Teen Programing

- High interest activities for high-school aged teens
- Leadership & volunteer opportunities for teens
- Free daily teen activities at Central Library, with Virtual Option
- Free weekly teen activities at all library locations.



Human Services



Ambassador Summer Internship

- Paid internships for college students
- 222 Ambassadors accepted offers
 - 50% attend college outside SA
 - 10% are former foster youth
 - 73% are first-gen college students

NXT Level: AlamoPROMISE Scholars

- Opportunity Youth receive support to enroll in Alamo Colleges over summer



Human Services - Delegate Agencies



Delegate Agencies

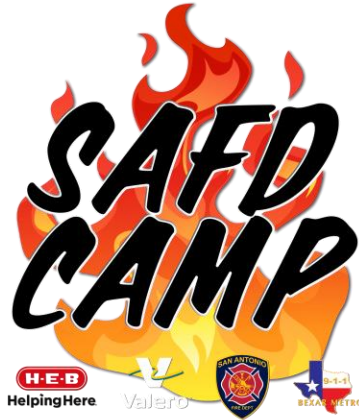
DHS funds 4 agencies to provide 7 after school & summer youth programs across San Antonio:

Agency	Program
Boys and Girls Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Readiness - Young Achievers Program• Youth Success Program
Girls, Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation SMART
Good Samaritan Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College, Career and Military Readiness• Youth Case Management
YWCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mi Carrera• RESET

Programs offer STEM/STEAM activities, sports and recreation, mental health services, paid internships, mentoring, and college readiness services .



SAFD - Co-Ed Heroes Camp



- Camps introduce youth to the career of firefighting with hands on experiences with firefighters
- June 28th & June 29th ages 13-18 & June 29th ages 8-12
- August 9th ages 8-12

SAFD - Camp HeroLikeHer™



- The Hero Like Her camp is run by current female SAFD firefighters
- Empower girls and expose them to the firefighter profession
- July 26th & 27th: Ages 13-18
- July 27th: Ages 8-12

SAPD - High School Summer Camp



- Build relationship between SAPD, students and their families
- Educate students on various aspects of the Department and police procedures
- Insight into the life of a cadet and officer for those interested in a career in law enforcement
- June 23rd – 25th: Ages 14-17
- June 30th – July 2nd : Ages 14-17

SAPD - Police Corps



Leadership development program for 14 - 20 year old youths interested in community service and career in law enforcement

- This program is offered all year
- Community Service Events & Projects
- Public Speaking
- Team Building Exercises
- Scenario Training
- Law Enforcement Competitions

46 current SAPD officers are alumni of the San Antonio Police Corps Program

OEM / Communications & Engagement

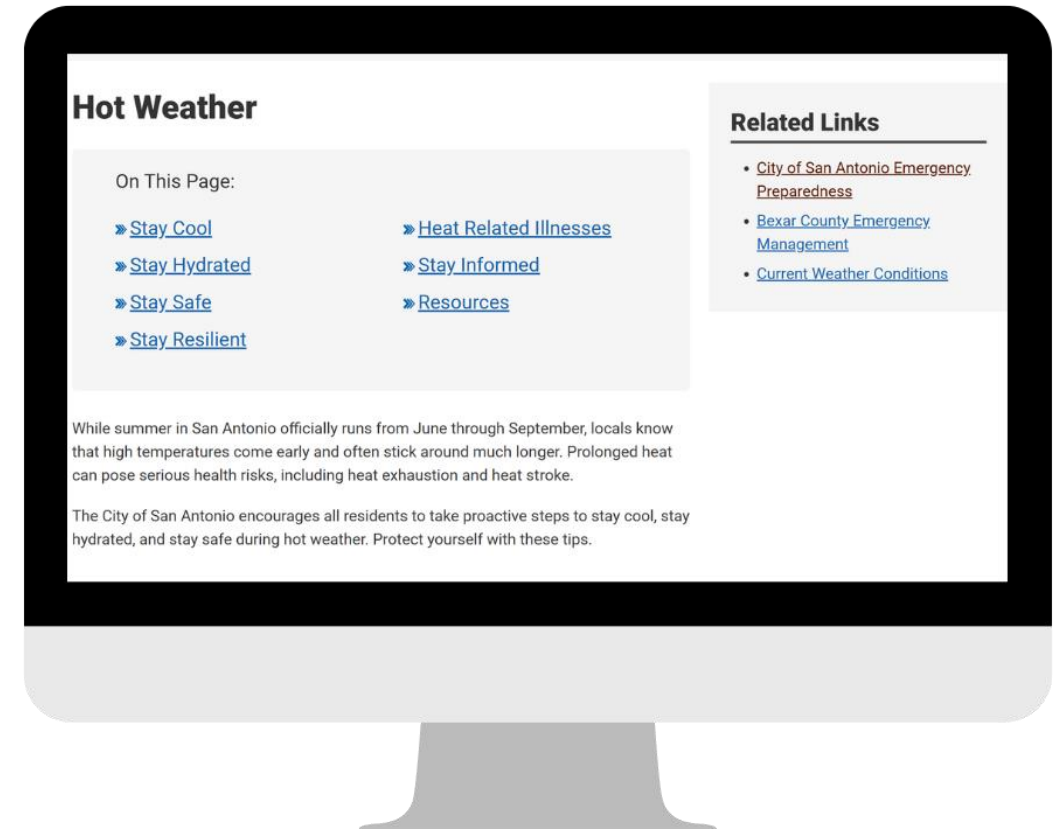
Heat Communication & Resources

SA.gov/HotWeather



Your central hub for heat information and resources

- **Get Tips** on staying cool, hydrated, and safe
- **Find Places to Stay Cool**
- **Learn the Signs** of heat exhaustion and heat stroke
- **Heat Illnesses Dashboard**



Heat Communication Plan

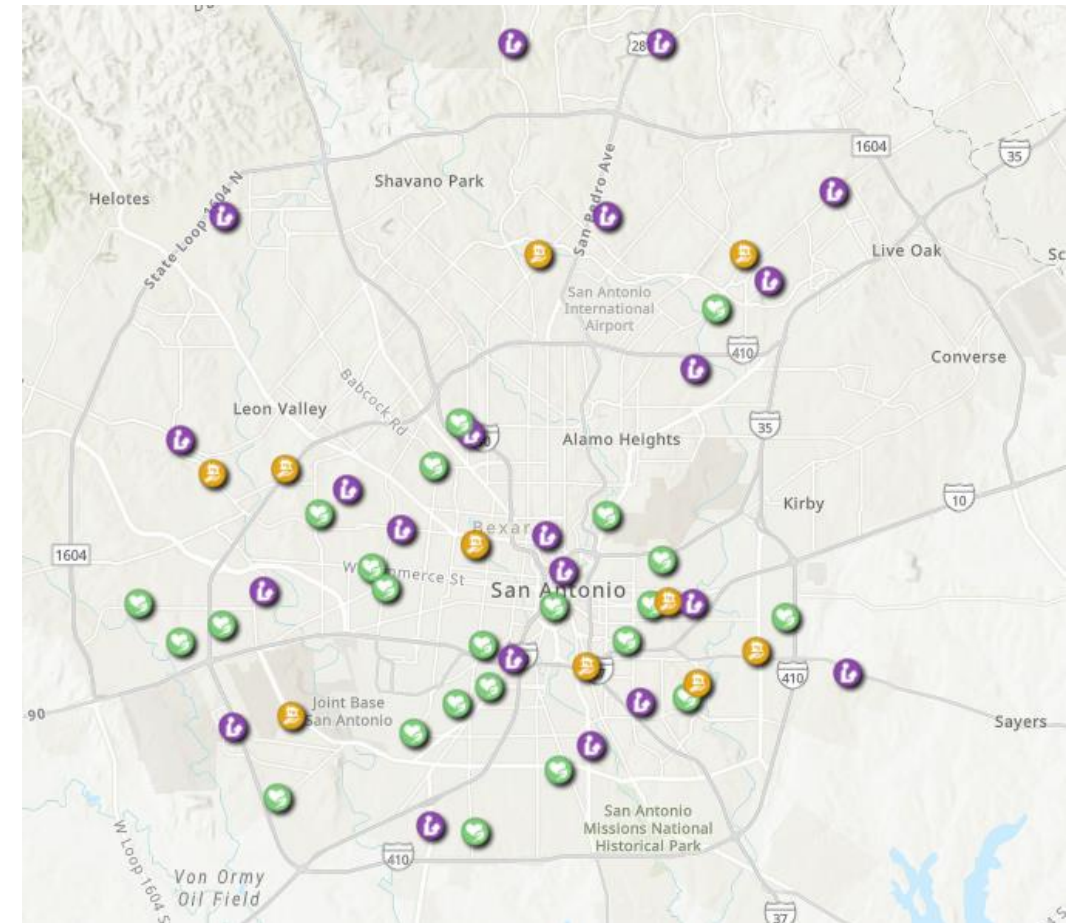
Throughout the summer, OEM / C&E will:

- **Distribute press releases** ahead of extreme heat events
- **Share social media content** with safety tips, cooling locations, and important updates
- **Provide a Council toolkit** with resources to share with constituents
- **Monitor weather conditions** to ensure timely updates and emergency communications, as needed

Places to Stay Cool



- Many City facilities serve as "Places to Stay Cool"
- Pets are welcome
- Dynamic website to help residents navigate to nearby air-conditioned facilities on **SA.gov/HotWeather**



City Resilience Hubs

Normoyle Community & Senior Center

700 Culberson Ave., 78225

Northeast Senior Center

4135 Thousand Oaks Dr., 78217

Southside Lions Senior Center

3303 Pecan Valley Dr., TX 78210

Garza Community Center

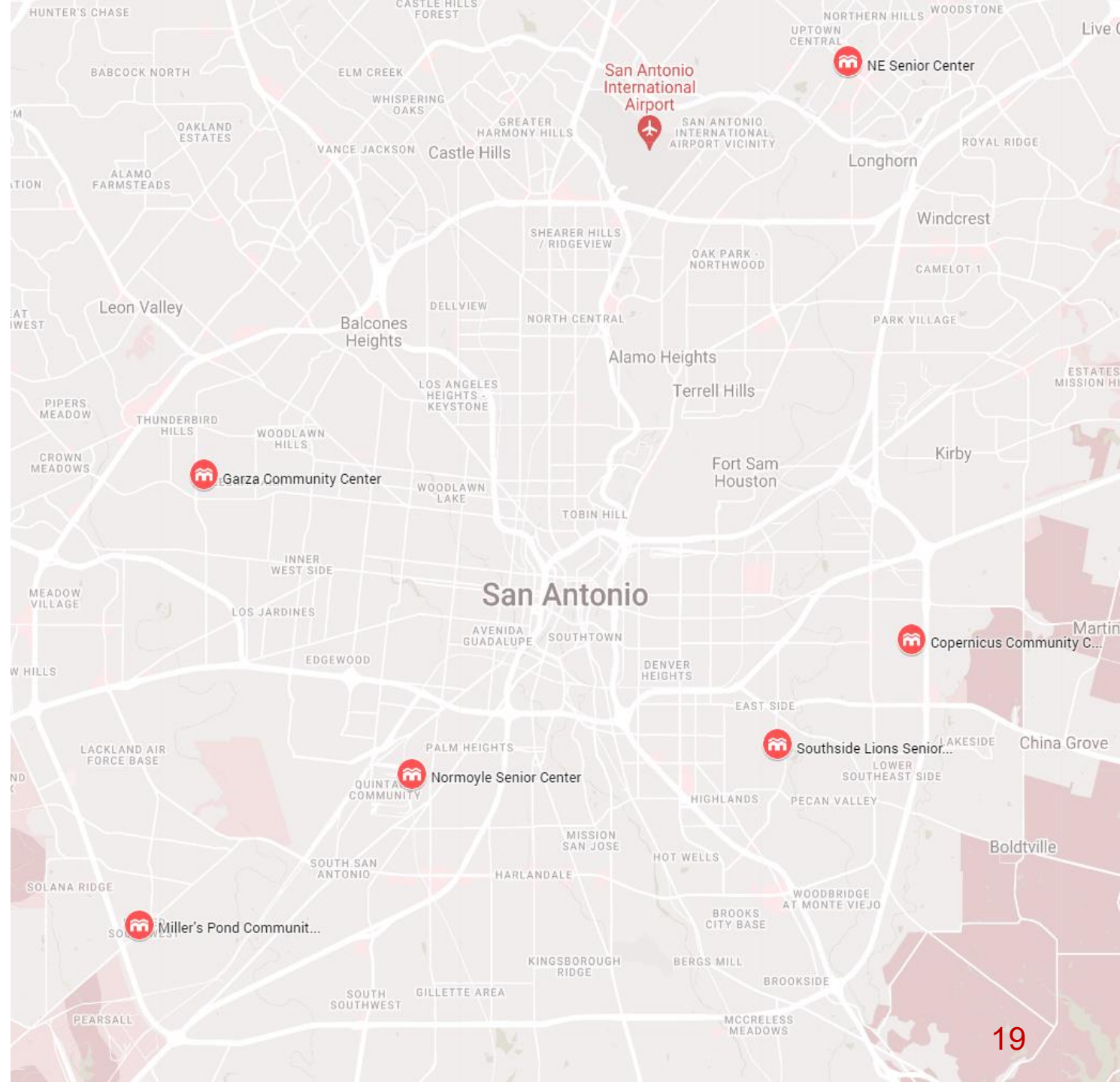
1450 Mira Vista, 78228

Copernicus Community Center

5003 Lord Rd., 78220

Miller's Pond Community Center

6175 Old Pearsall Rd., 78242



Be Ready Resilience Hubs Summer Series Events



- A free series of events, hosted across the six city-designated resilience hubs:
- Raise awareness about hubs in communities; what they are; their benefit
 - Provide vital resources to help residents stay safe during extreme heat

Final schedule to be released in early June

Millers Pond (Parks)	Heat: Preparedness
Normoyle (DHS + Parks)	Heat: Power
Garza (Parks)	Heat: Wellness & Outdoor Safety
South Side Lions (DHS)	Heat: Transportation
Copernicus (Parks)	Heat: Skills to Help your Community
NE Senior Center (DHS)	Heat: Partnerships
TBD	Annual Community Preparedness Workshop (CPW), led by OEM

Resilience Office

Heat Resilience Playbook

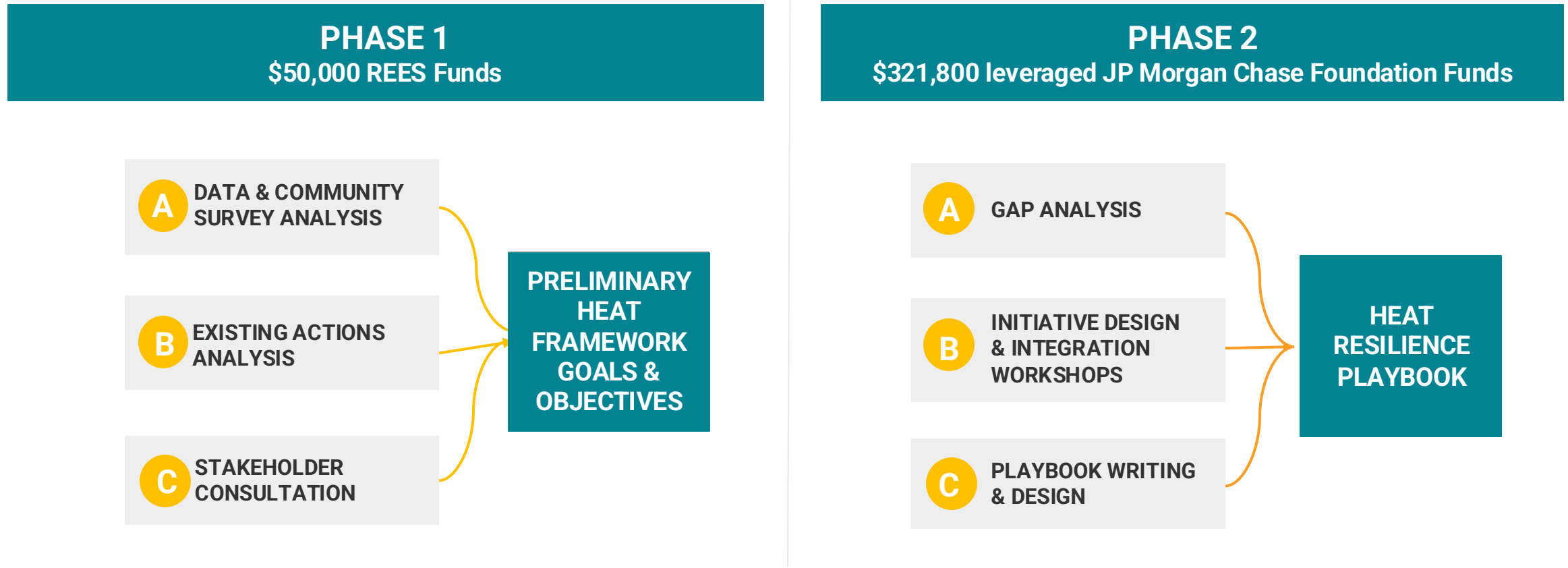
COSA's Heat Playbook

40+ actions that 1) uplift existing City-led efforts, 2) push forward actions that have had limited movement to date, 3) integrate existing initiatives to create greater impact, and 4) develop new transformative initiatives



Heat Resilience Playbook Development Process

A City, non-profit, and private sector partnership.



Heat Resilience Playbook Gap Analysis Results

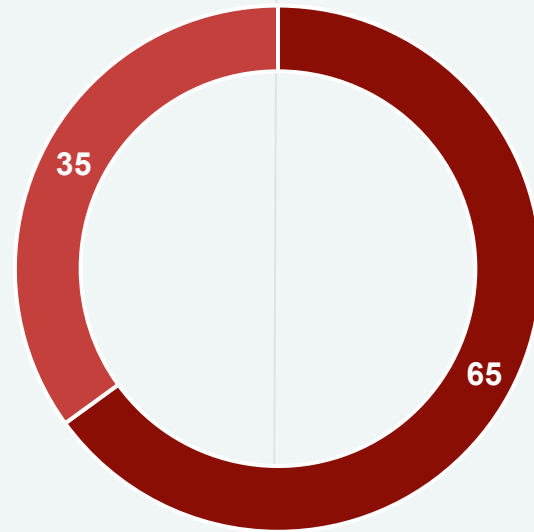


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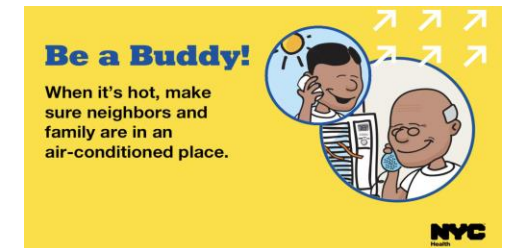
Percentage of CoSA Heat Resilience Playbook Actions



■ Ongoing & Improved ■ New Opportunities



Cool Corridors, Medellin, Colombia



Be a Buddy, New York

Gap Analysis based on Best Practices from: White House Extreme Heat Call to Action (2023), C40 Cities Urban Cooling Toolkit, Urban Land Institute, Best Practices from other cities (DC, Boston, Miami-Dade, Tampa, Phoenix, etc.)



SAFE AND PREPARED SAN ANTONIANS



COOLER NEIGHBORHOODS



Awareness and Outreach

Deploy Targeted Approaches to Ensure San Antonians are Connected and Equipped to Navigate Extreme Heat

- Heat Preparedness, Illness & Exhaustion Training
- Heat Information & Communications
- Data-Informed Decision Making



Heat Relief

Increase Access to Heat Relief Resources

- Cooling Tools for the Most Vulnerable
- Heat Relief for Indoor & Outdoor Workers
- City Activation in Advance of and During Extreme Heat Events



Built Environment & Infrastructure

Adapt our Homes, Buildings and Infrastructure to Extreme Heat

- Heat Resilient Buildings
- Heat Resilient Utilities and Infrastructure
- Extreme Heat Design Standards and Regulations



Parks and Green Spaces

Increase Cooling Benefits of Parks and Green Spaces

- Tree Canopy
- Cool Outdoor Spaces

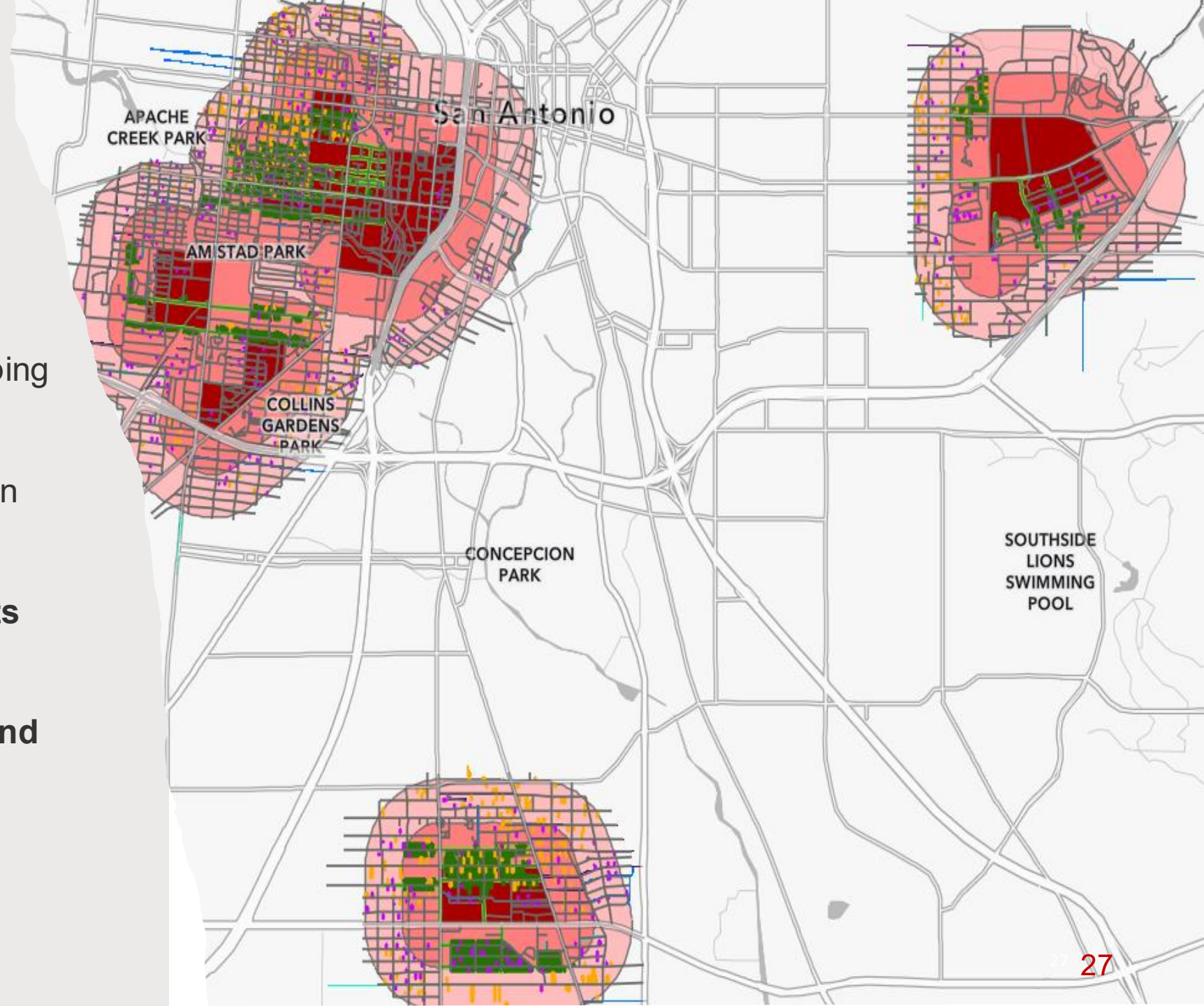
Office of Sustainability

Cool Neighborhoods Update

Cool Neighborhoods Program

- 4 neighborhoods
- Identified through UTSA Heat Mapping and Heat Vulnerability Assessment.
- Targeted deployment of City and partner agency heat-related mitigation initiatives to:

- maximize community benefits
- leverage resources
- create efficiency
- promote interdepartmental and interagency coordination
- evaluate effectiveness of solutions through UTSA monitoring technology and methodology.





Cool Neighborhoods Program Implementation

Public Works - Cool Pavement

- 7 of 22.5 miles completed and remaining to be installed Q3-Q4.
- Supplemental UTSA research found an average of 10°F surface temperature reduction compared to fresh black asphalt.

NHSD

Under One Roof

- 8 projects under construction, 46 projects in pre-construction, with another 38 applications under review.
- REES funding allows for more flexibility through streamlined approval process.

Low Income Weatherization

- 1 project under construction and 3 projects in pre-construction.



Parks - Targeted Tree Plantings

- UTSA and Parks identified priority corridors for tree plantings.
- Engagement and planting plan in progress for deployment in October 2025.

UTSA

- Initiated initial deployment of temperature sensors at bus stops and select homes.



Bus Stop Shade Update

- Conducted best practice research.
- VIA and CoSA identified initial bus stops in Cool Neighborhood Areas.
- Final locations dependent on Better Bus Plan route updates, ridership, and site constraints.
- Secured design consultant services to identify heat-related amenities that can be included into existing shelter designs, as well as develop shade options for space constrained bus stops.
- Bus stop locations will be finalized in Q3 with initial shade deployments beginning in Q4*.

**Dependent upon VIA procurement process.*



Cool Neighborhoods: Heat Resources and Information



Increasing awareness of programs and services to help beat the heat in target UHI neighborhoods.

- Program mailer, doorhanger, brochure, flyer
- Community Meetings and Presentations
- Neighborhood Resource Fairs and events
- Senior Centers
- Community Health Workers
- Door knocking
- Phone banking
- Community-Based Organizations
- Business and Institutional Outreach
- Climate Ready Neighborhoods
- 3-1-1
- SASpeakUp Page
- [SA.gov/hotweather](https://www.sa.gov/hotweather)
- [SA.gov/Urbanheatisland](https://www.sa.gov/Urbanheatisland)



CPS ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

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Conservation tips from Cam the chameleon

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