

# Community Advancement Network

## Pandemic Equity Committee

Formed in December  
2020 and Supported  
by Central Health

## Project Status & Outcomes

### Research & Assessment

- The Pandemic Equity Committee (PEC) of the Central Health Equity Policy Council was established in December 2020.
- Purpose of the PEC was to highlight equity concerns with regard to disaster preparation, response and recovery.
- The focus for the PEC was to identify system changes that would ensure more effective communication/engagement & a meaningful consideration of equity in decision-making.

### Plan Development

After months of assessment, dialogue & deliberation, the PEC presented its recommendation to City Council Members & Travis County Commissioners in Fall 2021.

### Resource Development

The PEC developed:

- A checklist of actions (short, medium and long-term) that are needed to improve planning, response & recovery.
- Developed a draft City Council resolution to be considered by Mayor & Council in January.

### Engagement & Accountability (2021 & Planned for 2022)

- In 2021, PEC members had one-on-one meetings with City Council Members and County Commissioners to discuss recommendations.
- In 2021, PEC members presented the plan to the City/County/AISD Joint Subcommittee and to Commissioners Court at a Work Session.
- In 2022, PEC will support City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Operations staff with the implementation of short/medium/long term recommendations, particular with regard to data collection, language access and community voice/engagement.
- CAN will revise its WeCanATX website accordingly to help direct residents who are Limited English Proficient to emergency alerts and resources.