



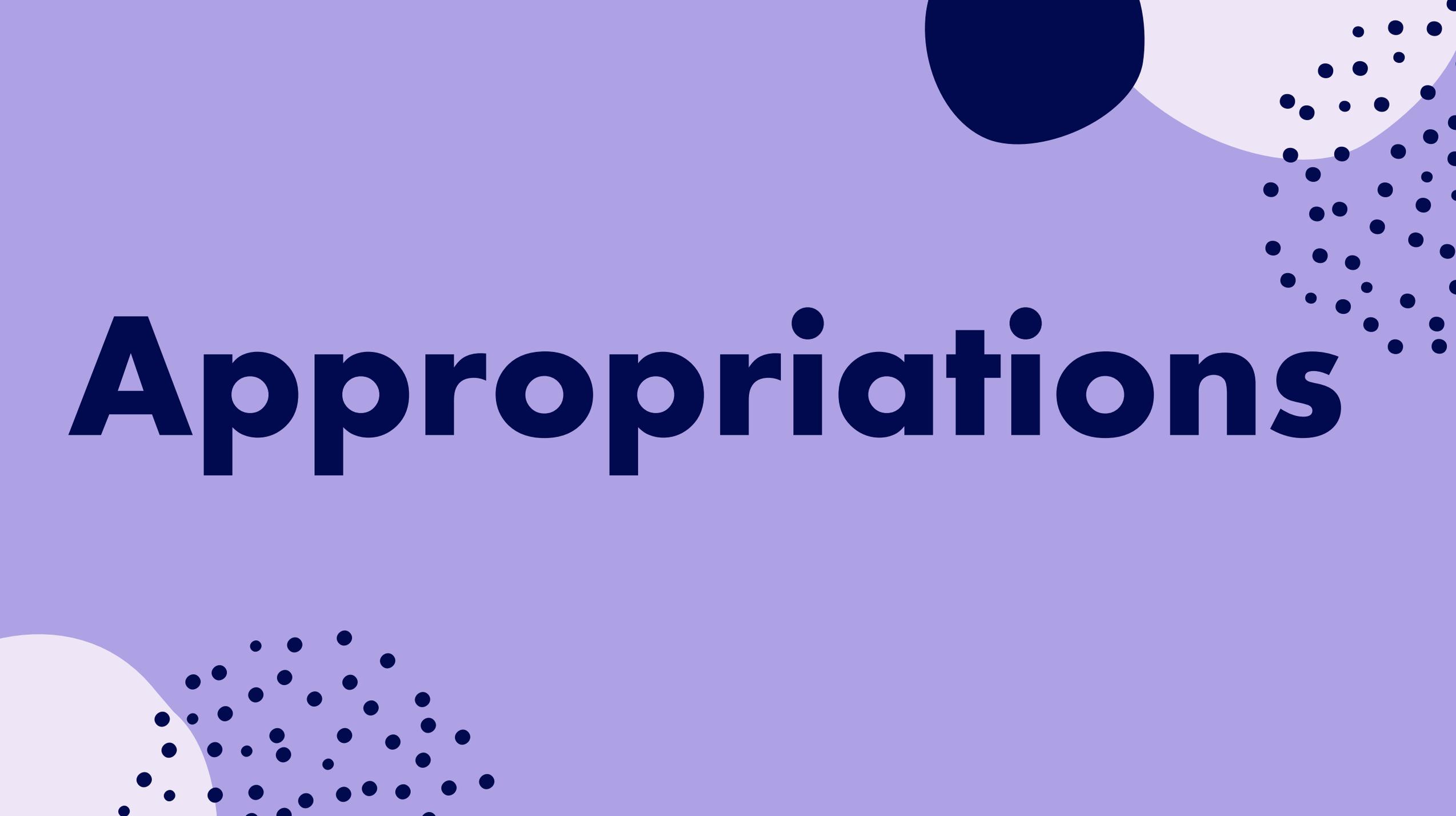
# **The Road Ahead: The 89th Legislative Session**

**January 9, 2025**



**Expect the  
Unexpected**

**89<sup>th</sup> Session**



# Appropriations



# Current Funding Makeup

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND SERVICES ACT (FVPSA)

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO  
NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) TO  
TITLE XX

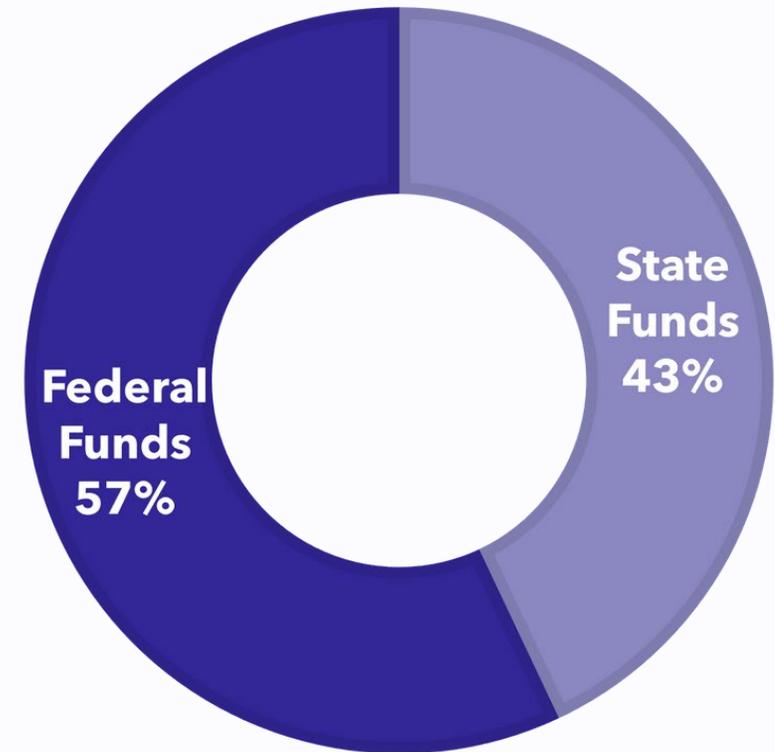
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK  
GRANT (SSBG)

GENERAL REVENUE (GR)

# What funds comprise distribution?

Source of Funds	FY 24 Amount
General Revenue	\$18,756,491
TANF to Title XX	\$17,502,361
SSBG	\$1,055,289
FVPSA	\$6,871,710
Appropriated Receipts	\$60,000
Total in FY 24	\$44,255,851

## FUNDING MAKEUP



\*This does include critical ARP funds distributed in a related manner

## Enhanced Funding for Barrier Reductions is Working

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**66,629**

Texans sought services at a family violence center in FY 24.

**23,047**

children were served that year.

- Service numbers increased thanks to funds invested by the Legislature. In Texas, three more survivors per day are served by a family violence center in FY 24 compared to FY 23.
- Increased funds led to thousands of Texans receiving services that would have been otherwise unavailable, including housing.
- With 1 in 3 Texans experiencing family violence in their lifetime, survivors' access to shelter and safety is critical. Investment in housing specific to survivors will reduce the ongoing capacity crisis.



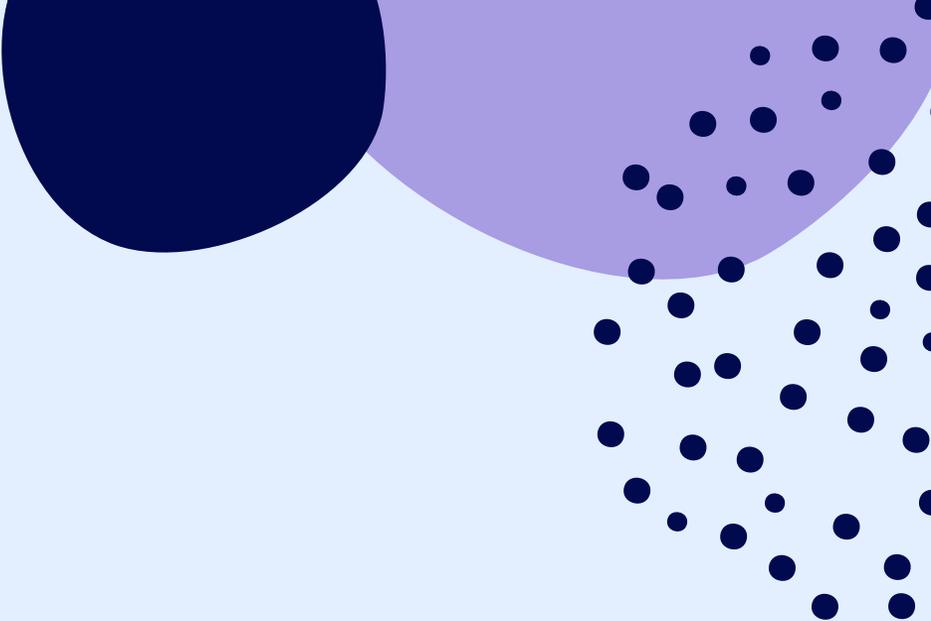
## Investing in Housing Will Prevent Violence

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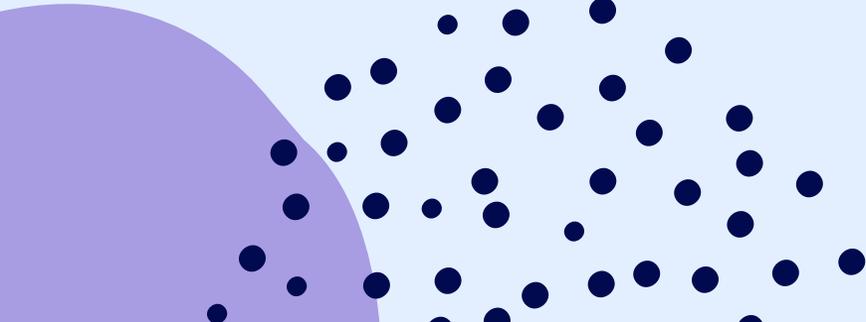
**71%**

of survivors in a Texas-based study stated they needed help finding housing.

- 88% of survivors in a 2024 study experienced homelessness. 60% of these survivors experienced homelessness more than twice, indicating a need to focus on safe and stable housing.
  - Though many factors can create this access issue, the housing crisis leaves shelters full, and survivors all too often lack an ability to transition to safer stable housing.
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# Legislative Items



## HB 1332 Garcia

# Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence Policy Implementation in Schools

This measure focuses on prevention and seeks to more effectively implement healthy relationship & dating violence policies in schools, with a focus on survivor safety in reporting, creating an enforcement mechanism for dating violence policy requirements and a stronger tie to district implementation plans.

- Requested by survivors and supported by research
- Builds on groundwork already laid in the 87th and 88th sessions
- Would create positive impact at thousands of school across the state

## **Right to Confer on Plea Notice for Family Violence Survivors**

Victims of sexual assault, stalking, indecent assault, and trafficking and have the right to confer with the prosecutor on disposition decisions including plea agreements, rather than solely getting notice. This measure proposes to add victims of felony family violence to the list of people who can confer with prosecutors on the plea agreement.

- Allows family violence survivors greater agency and voice in the criminal legal process
- Addresses a gap in the list of rights afforded to family violence victims
- TAASA passed a similar bill last session
- Only includes victims of felony family violence

# Lethality Reduction Taskforce

With increases in intimate partner homicide and incidents of family violence, IPH is an issue that requires a collaborative team working towards solutions. With research consistently indicating that there are three top known lethality indicators; strangulation, stalking and firearms, this measure would create a lethality factor taskforce with charges to study these factors and make policy recommendations for the reduction of IPH in our state.

- Time limited to 2 years
- Would bring together experts working in different fields & systems
- Bill may include clause to send fatality review reports to DPS instead of DFPS, where they're currently sent

# Coerced Debt

Would amend the Finance Code to establish protections for victims of identity theft, specifically regarding consumer debt collection. It would prohibit creditors, debt collectors, or third-party debt collectors from attempting to collect debts that resulted from identity theft, provided the victim submits valid documentation. Acceptable documentation includes a criminal complaint, a court order declaring the individual a victim of identity theft, or a Federal Trade Commission identity theft report affirming the claim and identifying the affected debt.

- **Texas Appleseed will be carrying this bill, but TCFV has and will offer strong support.**
- Collectors must refrain from selling or transferring the debt, except for collection against the perpetrator or another responsible party.

## **Key Issue Areas**

- Divorce & Custody
- Prevention
- Protective Orders
- Equal Rights
- Immigration
- Economic Justice

# Key Areas

- **Bills in Key Issue Areas**
- **Firearms (ex. HB 857)**
- **Supportive Measures (ex. HB 1351)**

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you? Think  
about your  
representation  
and your  
service area!**





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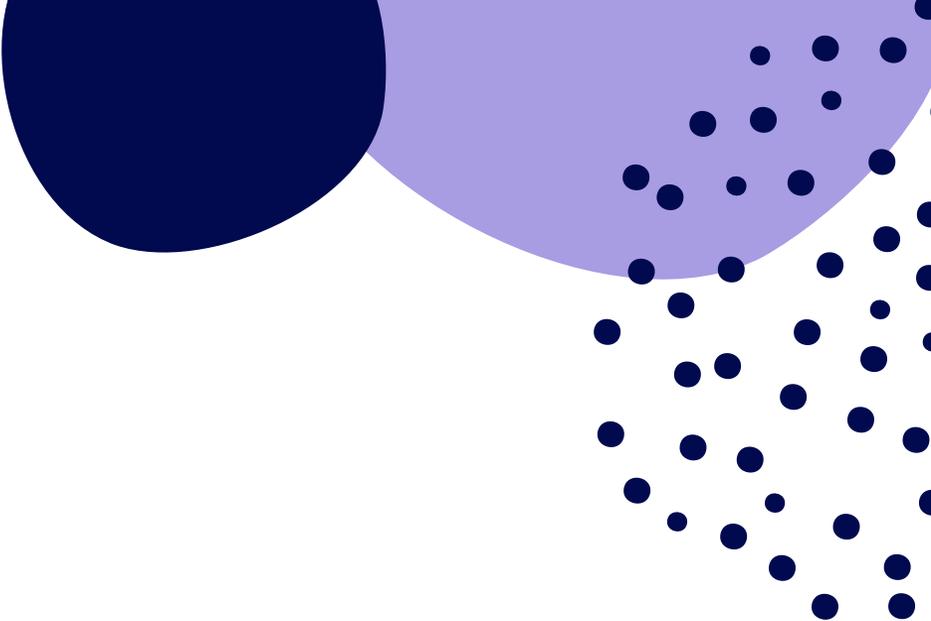
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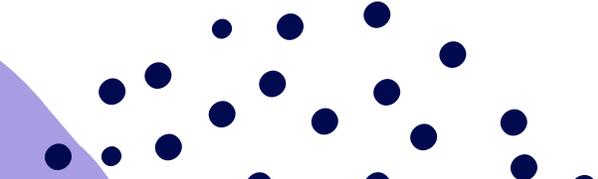
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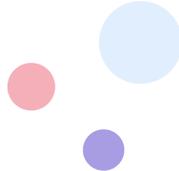
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lobbying too!



# Legislative Engagement

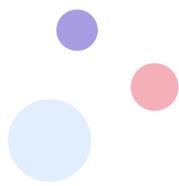


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**What Questions  
Do You Have?**

**What Else  
Should We Have  
on Our Radar?**





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