

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	12770	<b>Agenda Number</b>	12.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	3/1/2012	<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to: (1) submit an application for access to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Housing Trust Fund 2012 - 2013 "Amy Young Barrier Removal Program" (AYBRP) funding reservation system; (2) negotiate and execute an agreement to participate in the AYBRP and receive grant funding through reimbursements in an amount not to exceed \$440,000; and (3) execute the documents associated with the administration of the AYBR Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Housing Trust Fund 2012 – 2013 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	December 15, 2011 - Council approved an initial application. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs requested further clarification of the authorization, as well as a revised grant limit, in order to process the application.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Contact Elizabeth Spencer, Director, 974-3182.
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

Approval of this action will authorize the City Manager or the Director of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Office, Betsy Spencer, to submit an application for access to the reservation system for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Housing Trust Fund 2012 – 2013 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. It further authorizes them to negotiate and execute an agreement with TDHCA for the 2012-2013 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. The Amy Young Program provides one-time grants of up to \$20,000 to Persons with Disabilities qualified as Low Income, for home modifications necessary for accessibility and the elimination of hazardous conditions. The City will be able to reserve funding in increments of \$200,000 until all program funding has been dispersed.

Council passed a similar resolution on December 15, 2011. After approval of that resolution, NHCD submitted an application to TDHCA and was informed that the following revisions to the resolution needed to be made in order to have a successful submission:

- 1) The resolution should specifically authorize submission of the application *for access to the Housing Trust Fund Reservation System* for the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program;
- 2) List the name and title of the person authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the City;
- 3) Remove mention of a cap of \$200,000. This is the amount that can be reserved at one time, up to the maximum amount left in the program, which at this time is approximately \$3,500,000. The department has assessed its projected need and capacity and expects to apply for up to \$440,000 using this reimbursement program.

TDHCA will utilize an online reservation system, in which grant recipients reserve and draw project costs and administration fees and track the status of the program activities. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis. Program funds are available until August 31, 2013 or until they are completely reserved, therefore there is no guarantee that the City will ultimately be able to reserve \$440,000.