

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	26428	Agenda Number	35.
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Meeting Date:	8/29/2013	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development to submit a funding application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for its Housing Trust Fund 2014-2015 "Amy Young Barrier Removal Program," and if the funding application is approved, to authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement to participate and receive grant funding through reimbursements in an amount not to exceed \$440,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Housing Trust Fund 2014-2015 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 1, 2012 – Council approved a Resolution for the 2012-2013 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program application
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth Spencer, Director, 512-974-3182; or Marti Bier, Planner III, 512-974-3196.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Approval will authorize the Director of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Office to submit an application for access to the funding reservation system for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Housing Trust Fund 2014-2015 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program (AYBR), and to negotiate and execute an agreement with TDHCA for the 2014-2015 AYBR Program.

The AYBR Program provides one-time reimbursement grants of up to \$20,000 for work done for qualified low-income Persons with Disabilities for home modifications necessary for accessibility and the elimination of hazardous conditions. The City will be able to reserve funding for up to five projects at one time until all program funding has been disbursed by TDHCA.

TDHCA utilizes an online reservation system in which eligible applicants reserve and draw project costs and administration fees and track the status of the program activities. Funds are limited and are available on a first-come,

first-served basis, thus there is no guarantee the City will be able to reserve \$440,000. Program funds will become available for reservation on October 1, 2013, and will be available until all funds are reserved based on a structured timeline for disbursement.