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Recommendation for Board Action

Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	27043	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	9/26/2013	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN to fund and administer the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program to provide housing opportunities through subsidies to homeless families in an amount not to exceed \$527,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2014 federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and the Sustainability Fund.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	September 27, 2012: Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board approved a one-year contract that expires September 30, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

If approved, funding will be provided for a one-year contract to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA). The TBRA program provides rental housing subsidies and security deposits to eligible families who would otherwise be homeless. To be eligible for the program, households must be working with a case manager towards self-sufficiency and have a total household income at or below 50 percent of the Austin area Median Family Income (MFI – currently \$36,600 for a family of four). The City has contracted with HACA to provide TBRA services for over 15 years. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

HACA verifies client and property eligibility, manages leasing terms and makes rental subsidy payments directly to landlords each month. HACA also serves as a liaison between clients and landlords to ensure that landlords understand clients are only eligible for TBRA as long as the household meets regulatory and program requirements. This program will serve up to 115 households. Families can receive assistance through the TBRA program for up to 18 months with a possible six-month extension. Each household will pay no more than 30 percent of its monthly income towards rent, with any difference between what the household can afford and the actual rent amount to be paid by the TBRA program.