

<b>Recommendation for Board Action</b>				
Austin Housing Finance Corporation	<b>Item ID</b>	27229	<b>Agenda Number</b>	5.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/26/2013		<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
<p>Authorize the negotiation and execution of a three-year contract with the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN in the amount of \$500,000 to fund and administer a pilot, short-term rental voucher program for chronically homeless persons.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>				
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	<p>August 29, 2013: Council approved Resolution # 20130829-031 authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract with Austin/Travis County Integral Care to provide mental and behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment to homeless persons through the 1115 Medicaid Waiver program.</p>			
<b>For More Information:</b>	<p>Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 512-974-3182; or Kelly Nichols, Housing Policy and Planning Manager, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-9375.</p>			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>				
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>				
<b>Related Items:</b>				
Additional Backup Information				

If approved, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will contract with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to administer a rental subsidy voucher pilot program for up to three years, or until each program client has been matched with an appropriate permanent housing subsidy such as Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly "Section 8"), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) or other permanent voucher, or the program client enters into public housing, whichever comes first.

On August 29, 2013, the Austin City Council approved Resolution # 20130829-031 for the negotiation and execution of a contract with Austin/Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) to provide mental and behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services to homeless individuals using funding from the 1115 Medicaid Waiver program.

Linking ATCIC's intensive services with this rental housing subsidy will create 15 new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units as defined by the City's PSH strategy. Through this contract, HACA will serve as the primary administrator of housing and housing-related matters for the project, including the inspection of units prior to occupancy and the payment of monthly rent to specified landlords.

Funding for this item comes from the \$10 million budget amendment approved by the AHFC Board on April 11, 2013.