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**Recommendation for Board Action**

Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	35599	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE to fund and administer the Emergency Home Repair Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2015 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant.

**Fiscal Note**

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

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

**For More Information:** Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 512-974-3182; or Fernando Hernandez, Housing Development Manager, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-3114.

**Boards and Commission Action:** September 26, 2013 - Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board approved a one-year contract that expires September 30, 2014.

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

If approved, funding will be provided for a one-year contract with the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). Services to be provided by AAUL under the contract include: responding to client requests for repairs, verifying client eligibility, developing specifications for repairs, facilitating repairs, using licensed contractors and other skilled tradespersons, and providing quality assurance for the work performed. The cost of repairing any one home under this program shall not exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015.

The Emergency Home Repair (EHR) program provides emergency and critical repairs to owner-occupied housing located in the City of Austin. The program addresses potentially life-threatening health and safety issues and helps preserve existing housing stock. The homeowners assisted by this program must reside in the home, and their total household incomes cannot exceed 80 percent of the Austin area Median Family Income (currently \$60,300 for a family of four). A total of 425 unduplicated households will be served. The assistance provided by this program is in the form of a grant to the homeowner. The EHR program has been in existence for over thirty years.