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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	75135	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	9/28/2017		Department:	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with AUSTIN TENANTS' COUNCIL to fund and administer the Tenants' Rights Assistance Program for community education and information about tenant protection laws in an amount not to exceed \$288,729 with one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$288,729 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$577,458.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2017 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant. Funding for the 12-month extension option is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	September 22, 2016 – Council approved a one-year service agreement to expire September 30, 2017.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

If approved, funding will be provided for a one (1) year contract to the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC) with one 12-month extension option subject to the approval of the Subrecipient and the City Purchasing Officer or their designee. Continuation of the Contract beyond the initial 12 months is specifically contingent upon the availability and allocation of funding by City Council. In addition, annual performance measures will be negotiated as part of the extension option.

Services to be provided by ATC under the contract include: mediation and related services to assist at least 499 clients to resolve housing code issues with their landlords; provide mediation services to at least 87 eligible clients in general housing matters; and investigate complaints of violations of the Fair Housing Act. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Tenants' Rights Assistance provides services to tenants residing in the Austin city limits. Objectives of this program include: 1) facilitating mediation services between landlords and low-to moderate-income tenants to complete health and safety related repairs in rental units, which will help maintain reasonable habitability standards; 2) providing direct counseling and technical assistance to low-income renters regarding tenant/landlord issues; and 3) identifying fair

housing complaints that can be investigated and may assist in resolving, reducing or minimizing discriminatory housing practices.

NHCD hereby designates Austin Tenants' Council as a subrecipient for the Renters Rights Assistance Program contract for fiscal year 2017-18, based upon their experience for more than 17 years.