



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2978, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the Austin Area Urban League to fund and administer the Minor Home Repair Program, which provides homeowners with home repairs using federal grant funds, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Funding is contingent on the release of Program Year 2020 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A fiscal note is not required.

Prior Council Action:

September 28, 2017 - Council approved a one-year contract with one 12-month extension option.

September 19, 2019 - Council approved a one-year contract that expires on September 30, 2020.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Minor Home Repair (MHR) program provides grant funds to low-income homeowners located within the City. The program seeks to preserve the existing housing stock and improve the quality of life for low-income homeowners, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. The grant funds pay for repairs that are designed to alleviate actual risk to life, health or safety issues. The maximum repair cost for any one home is \$5,000 in a fiscal year. If approved, Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will negotiate and execute a one-year contract with the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). This will make AAUL the City's and AHFC's subrecipient for the MHR program. Under the contract, AAUL will respond to client requests for repairs, verify client eligibility, develop specifications for repairs, facilitate repairs, hire licensed contractors and other skilled tradespersons, and provide quality assurance for the work performed. The contract term will be October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

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 \$78,100 for a family of four). A total of 200 unduplicated households will be served. The assistance provided by this program is in the form of a grant to the homeowner. AAUL has provided home repairs services for over thirty years.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.