1	RESOLUTION NO.
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3	WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 20170831-060 directed the City Manager
4	to allocate 15% of the seven-cent portion of the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) to
5	support operations and maintenance of City of Austin historic facilities and sites in
6	accordance with Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5); and
7	WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 20181004-033 directed the City Manager
8	to allocate the Historic Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2019 budget in the following
9	manner:
10	• 70% for City of Austin historic facilities and sites in accordance with
11	Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5);
12	• 15% reserved for potential future historic acquisitions or major
13	preservation projects that would be frequented by tourists and convention
14	delegates; and
15	• 15% for the Heritage Grant Program
16	The Resolution also directed the City Manager to:
17	• expand the eligible applicants for heritage grants per the recommendations
18	of the Visitor Impact Task Force and the Heritage Grant Working Group;
19	• expand eligible projects for Heritage Grants to include capital projects and
20	planning, educational, and marketing projects; and

21	• increase the \$59,000 cap on individual Heritage Grant awards to \$250,000
22	with staff discretion to recommend to Council grant requests above this
23	threshold; and
24	WHEREAS, City staff use City Council Resolution No. 20181004-033 as a
25	guide for how to apportion funds in future fiscal years; and
26	WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5) authorizes hotel occupancy
27	tax revenue to be used for historic restoration and preservation projects or activities or
28	advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage
29	tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums:
30	• at or in the immediate vicinity of the convention center facilities or visitor
31	information centers; or
32	• located elsewhere in the municipality or its vicinity that would be
33	frequented by tourists and convention delegates; and
34	WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$16,079,216 is available in FY 2020-2021
35	to the Economic Development Department for eligible historic restoration and
36	preservation projects and activities; and
37	WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, a portion of the Austin Convention and
38	Visitors Bureau (now Visit Austin) budget has been allocated to fund and administer
39	the Heritage Grant Program, and Visit Austin ceased administration of the program at
40	the end of 2018; and

41	WHEREAS, an interdepartmental working group evaluated proposals for project
42	funding for City of Austin facilities and sites and prioritized investments, using the
43	guidance of City Council Resolution 20181004-033; NOW, THEREFORE,
44	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
45	The City Manager is authorized to award, negotiate, and execute historic
46	preservation fund service contracts for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, in an amount not to
47	exceed \$16,079,216 for historic preservation and restoration projects, as recommended
48	by staff.
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51 52 53 54	ADOPTED:, 2020 ATTEST: Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk
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