



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2982, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Service Agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to decrease available funding by \$2,675,489 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$81,914,403.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

The source of the funding that will be removed from the Service Agreement is the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's one-time emergency grant that was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress on March 27, 2020 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Prior Council Action:

May 21, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Service Agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation, to increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant

Program by \$2,675,489, for a total Service Agreement amount not to exceed \$84,589,892.

September 19, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a one-year service agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation for fiscal year 2019-2020.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action decreases the amount of funding included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Service Agreement with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation by \$2,675,489 so that the funds may be used for the City's COVID-related Emergency Rental Assistance initiatives. These dollars will fund the City of Austin Relief for Emergency Needs of Tenants (RENT) Program.

The service agreement amendment dollars are needed to further the Department's Emergency Rental Assistance initiatives which will be contracted out by the City of Austin.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.