



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2986, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Ratify and authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin to provide emergency rental assistance for households impacted by COVID-19 in an amount not to exceed \$15,900,000 for the term August 10, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$15,900,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development's Operating Budget. This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to allow the City to take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the city and county. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbot issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Stay Home - Work Safe Order was issued March 24, 2020, to establish social distancing, and was extended on July 3, 2020. In order to provide urgently needed emergency rental assistance to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, a contract for \$15,900,000 was issued to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to provide emergency rental assistance. This agreement is funded with local and federal funds, including the Community Development Block Grant and the CARES Act.

The purpose of the amendment will be to incorporate provisions to the executed agreement, including, but not limited to, citations to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a definition of the term "adult," and federally required provisions such as the Violence Against Women Act, Fair Housing Act, a Federal Award Identification Number, and more detailed allowable costs and expenses.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.