

Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3282, Agenda Item #: 2.

11/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an 11-month contract with the Austin Area Urban League to fund and administer the Minor Home Repair Program, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, with an option for a 12-month extension, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$900,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2021 federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Funds. Funding for the 12-month extension is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets. This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 17, 2020 - The Board of Directors approved a one-year contract with Austin Area Urban League that expired on September 30, 2021.

September 19, 2019 - The Board of Directors approved a one-year contract with Austin Area Urban League that expired on September 30, 2020.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Minor Home Repair Program (Program) provides grant funds in an amount up to \$5,000 to households that do not exceed 80% of the Austin area median family income, which is currently \$79,100 for a family of four. A total of 200 unduplicated households will be served per contract year. Properties must be located within the City limits of Austin. The Program seeks to preserve the existing housing stock and improve the quality of life for homeowners, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. The Program funds repairs that are designed to alleviate risk to life, health, or safety. If approved, Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will negotiate and execute a contract with the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). AAUL will be the City's and AHFC's subrecipient for the 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, provide quality assurance for work performed, and make referrals to other City funded home repair programs. AAUL has provided home repairs services for over thirty years.