



MOLD REPORT UPDATE

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MISSION AND BACKGROUND

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Austin Code Department Mission:

To build a safer and greater Austin together through code education, collaboration, and enforcement.

Background:

On May 5th, 2021, the Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20210506-040, asking the city manager to improve the City's response to health and safety issues related to mold in rental housing.

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Health Effects of Mold

Respiratory
symptoms

Development
or worsening
of asthma

Bronchitis

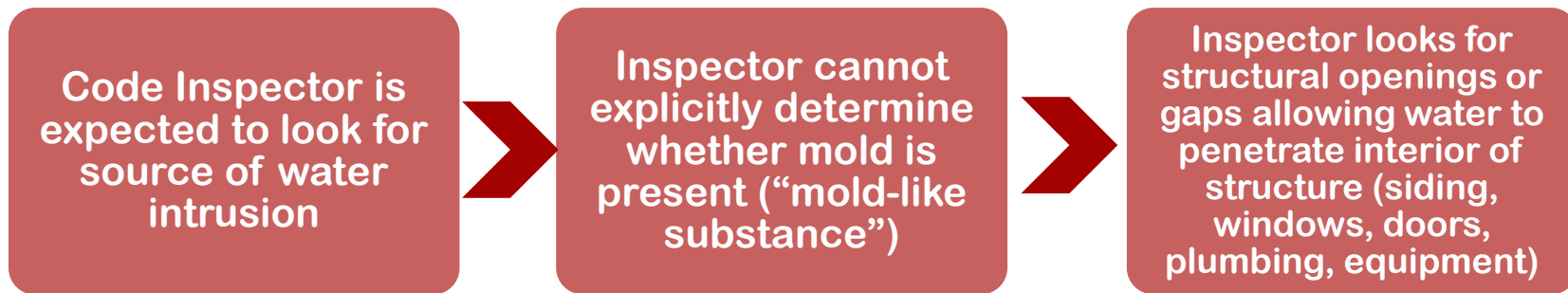
Eczema



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Current Practices and Regulations

Austin Code Department (ACD) responds to all complaints received regarding mold growth in rental housing. On July 26, 2020, a memo was issued to all code inspectors to improve consistency in response to these complaints.

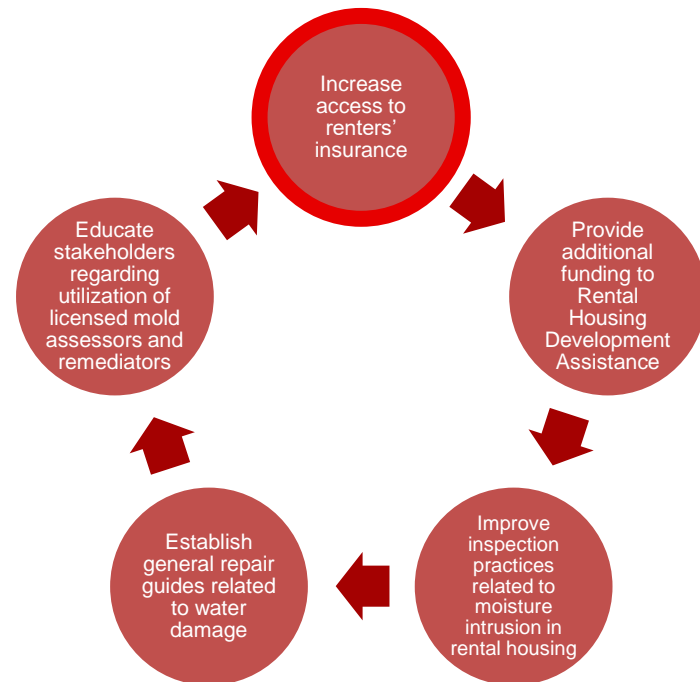




RECOMMENDATION 1

Based on the findings, City staff provides five recommendations to improve the City of Austin's response to mold in rental housing:

- **Increase access to renters' insurance**

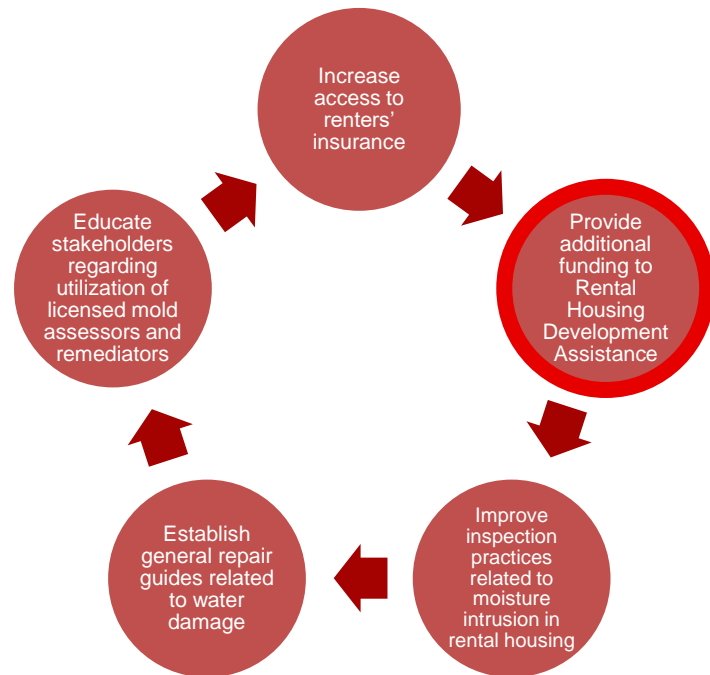




RECOMMENDATION 2

Based on the findings, City staff provides five recommendations to improve the City of Austin's response to mold in rental housing:

- **Additional funding could be provided to the Rental Housing Development Assistance program**

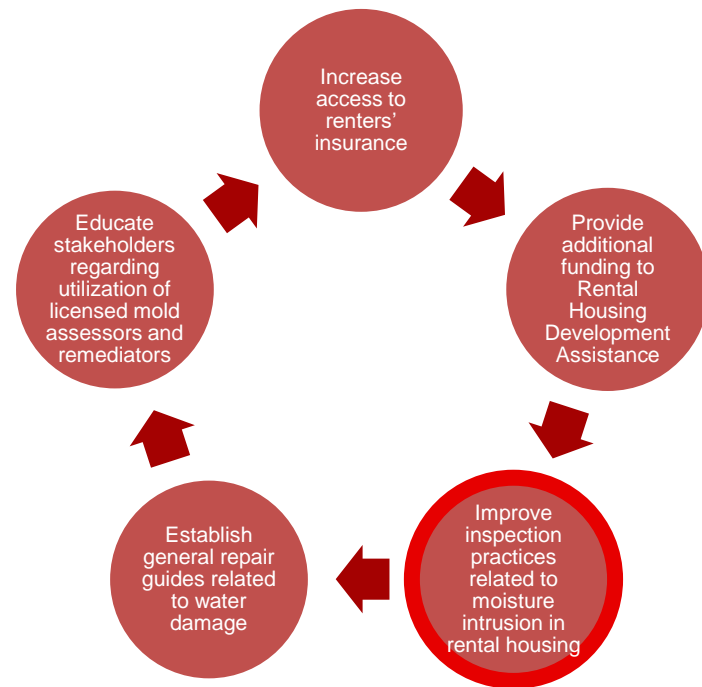




RECOMMENDATION 3

Based on the findings, City staff provides five recommendations to improve the City of Austin's response to mold in rental housing:

- **Improve inspection practices related to moisture intrusion in rental housing**

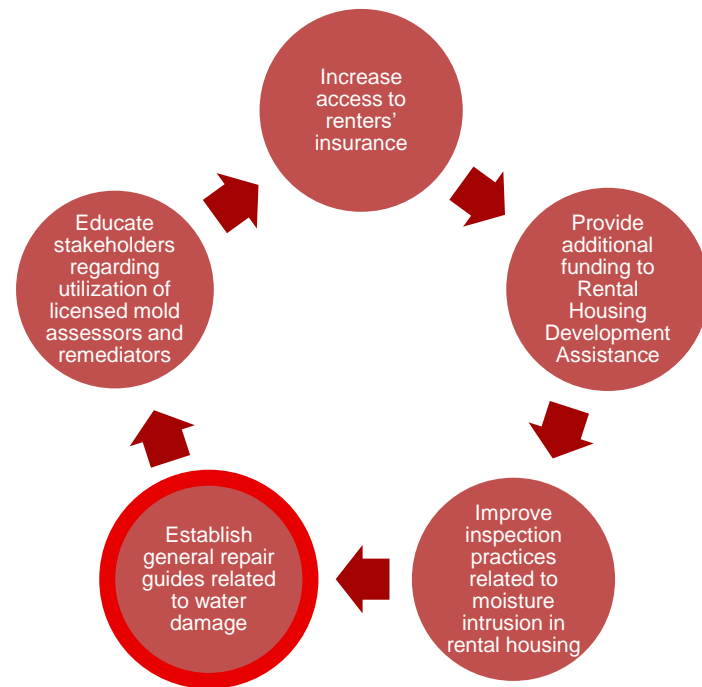




RECOMMENDATION 4

Based on the findings, City staff provides five recommendations to improve the City of Austin's response to mold in rental housing:

- **Establish general repair guides related to water damage**

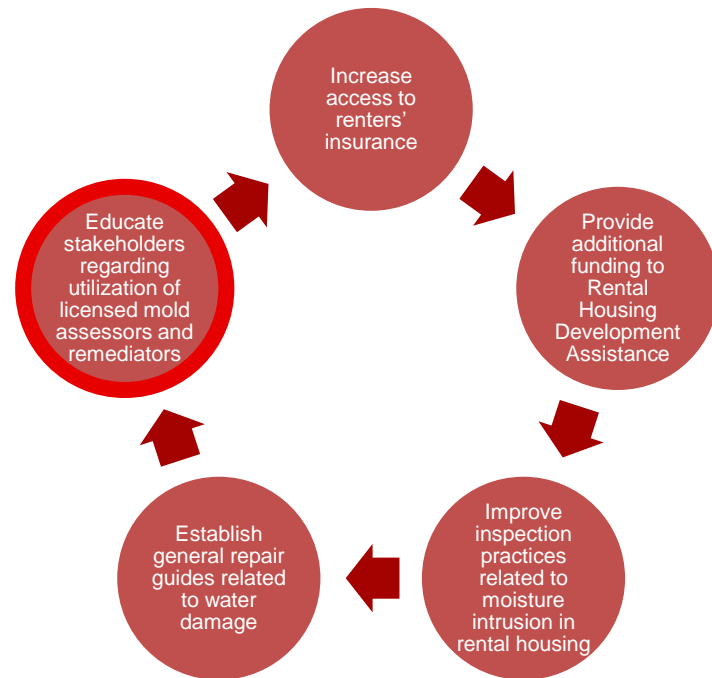




RECOMMENDATION 5

Based on the findings, City staff provides five recommendations to improve the City of Austin's response to mold in rental housing:

- **Educate stakeholders regarding utilization of licensed mold assessors and remediators**





Existing Resources

**GO Repair!
Program**

**Minor Home
Repair**

**The Emergency
Home Repair
Program**

Needed Resources

Moisture Meters

Training