



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3017, Agenda Item #: 19.**

**9/29/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a lease agreement with Six Square for approximately 2,638 square feet of rentable space out of the property known as the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility located at 912 East 11th Street, Austin for an initial term of sixty (60) months, with one 5-year extension option, with an annual rental rate of \$100.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Six Square, a non-profit organization, offers programs that celebrate and preserve the great arts, culture, education, and history of Central East Austin that center on the African American experience. The City is partnering with Six Square to achieve several shared goals, including broadening community access to vital programs and resources, further developing economic opportunity and entrepreneurial success, and strengthening cultural and heritage tourism by promoting diverse histories and stories. The City considers Six Square a key partner in exploring opportunities for progress, serving the community, and building stronger relationships with residents, businesses, and visitors to increase prosperity, cultural investment, and deliver needed services to the community.

This partnership benefits and supports Six Square's mission to preserve and celebrate the cultural legacy of the African American community. Six Square will utilize the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF) as its administrative center and continue to offer programs and enthusiastic support of programs that center on the African American experience in the City and specifically impact these areas of history, arts, culture, heritage, economic development, and education, within the African American Cultural District (District). This partnership will also contribute to additional monitoring of facility safety, repair, and maintenance needs of the AACHF.

The District is home to numerous sites of national, regional, and local historical significance and celebrates African Americans and others who played important roles in creating the vibrancy of our City. District tours for both residents and tourists create experiences that provide connections between the past and the present, telling the full story of African American culture and history in the City. Additionally, Six Square is recognized by the State of Texas as the lead agency for the Cultural District and works with more than 10 arts organizations within the District to support this designation.

The Strategic Facilities Governance Team has reviewed and approved this request.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Culture and Lifelong Learning.