



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2818, **Agenda Item #:** 60.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with HHM & Associates, Inc. to provide a historic building survey for downtown Austin for a contract term not to exceed 12 months and total contract amount not to exceed \$207,000.

Lead Department

Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$207,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Planning Department's Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This survey will lay essential groundwork for expanding the geographic and cultural diversity of historic sites and districts that can leverage as-yet unidentified local assets to boost heritage tourism in Austin. It will take a close look at downtown Austin, an area that includes numerous tourist attractions on Congress Avenue, Sixth Street, the Red River Cultural District, Palm District, and Rainey Street, as well as the Convention Center. In doing so, it will increase knowledge of potential historic resources, including individual landmarks and districts, and identify potential heritage tourism sites that could draw out-of-town visitors on their own or in combination with other tourist destinations.