



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Commission on Aging

Recommendation Number: (20240313-XXX): Support for GO Repair Program

WHEREAS, those aged 65 years and older, represent the fastest-growing age group in Austin, expanding from 55,695 (7.0% of 2010 population) to 91,733 (9.5% of 2020 population), and growing at a rate of 64.7%; and

WHEREAS, the Age-Friendly Austin Community Feedback Survey indicates that 74% of older city residents surveyed want to age in-place for as long as possible and need increased assistance for home repairs and maintenance in order to stay in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has funded the GO Repair program with General Obligation bonds that helps low-income homeowners fix serious structural issues like accessibility accommodations, electrical and mechanical repairs, drywall, flooring, siding repairs and more, allowing homeowners to safely stay in their homes with the repair assistance channeled through area nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, the current year's funding of \$5 million will assist over 200 households and will run out before the year is over because of strong demand for the program (current waitlists top 250).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission on Aging encourages the Austin City Council to allocate continued General Obligation bond funding and explore all available additional funding avenues to fund the GO Repair program at a more adequate level that will allow the program to continue uninterrupted for all of FY25 (\$10-15 million).

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote: ()

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