



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-1435, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

4/23/2026

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize a contract for an East Austin Historic Resource Survey Update for Austin Planning with HHM & Associates, Inc., for a term of two years in an amount not to exceed \$577,362. Funding: \$577,362 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Planning.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Financial Services.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Planning.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding for the total contract amount is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Planning.

### **Procurement Language:**

Professional Services.

### **MBE/WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the service needed, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract will provide professional historic resource survey services to complete the East Austin Historic Resource Survey Update, a 10-year update of the 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey completed by HHM & Associates, Inc. East Austin was identified due to rapid development pressures, historical underrepresentation in preservation planning, and the need to update the survey to reflect current conditions, community input, and cultural resources. The survey will provide up-to-date information that will inform planning initiatives, development review, heritage tourism, and preservation strategies in East Austin. The project work includes archival research, fieldwork, and community engagement to identify and evaluate properties and places of historic significance.

HHM developed the original data structure, GIS framework, evaluation methodology, and historic context narratives that form the foundation of the existing survey. Their familiarity with the established evaluation criteria, documentation standards, and locally specific historic contexts supports continuity and methodological consistency between the 2016 and 2026 phases. The project relies on alignment with the previously established database architecture and evaluative framework to maintain consistency in designation

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recommendations. The assigned personnel meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards under 36 C.F.R. Part 61, which govern evaluation of historic eligibility, and have extensive experience conducting historic resource surveys in Austin.

HHM & Associates has an established history of performing similar historic resource surveys for the City. This is a new contract and is not replacing a previous active contract.

If this contract is not approved, Austin Planning will be unable to complete the survey update, impacting Equity-Based Preservation Plan and historic preservation efforts.