



Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3251, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Austin Area Urban League to provide housing/rental payment assistance to prevent homelessness of low-income tenants, for a 60-month term beginning October 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$4,377,141.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$775,946 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding in the amount of \$497,411 is available from the Housing and Planning Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund via the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Funding for the remaining months of the term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Public Health (APH) Department's Neighborhood Services Unit operates six neighborhood centers and three field offices throughout Austin. These neighborhood centers provide basic needs, case management, preventive health, and employment support services to low-income residents.

APH is providing the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL) \$775,946 in funds for City's neighborhood centers. AAUL will be responsible for the management and distribution of direct financial assistance funds and payments to landlords and utility companies on behalf of neighborhood center clients. These funds will help eligible individuals avoid eviction.

Additionally, APH is utilizing \$497,411 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds from the Housing and Planning Department. The goal of ARPA ERA funds is to deliver emergency rental assistance to eligible households suffering unemployment or other financial hardship.