

City of Austin



Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4970, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with GMC Consultants, LLC dba Laveer Logix for tenant relocation and housing locator services to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2026, and increase the agreement amount by \$250,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$950,000.

Lead Department

Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

Prior Council Action:

April 21, 2022 - Council adopted Ordinance No. 20220421-058, which amended the 2016 Tenant Notification and Relocation Ordinance to clarify interior renovations were included in the notification requirements for demolition and renovations of buildings with five or more occupied units.

June 28, 2018 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20180628-063, which directed the City Manager to seek feedback from stakeholders on the category of tenants who should be eligible for notification and relocation assistance, and to submit recommendations to Council to initiate an ordinance change related to this topic.

September 1, 2016 - Council adopted Ordinance No. 20160901-050, the Tenant Notification and Relocation Ordinance, which called for the establishment of a Tenant Relocation Program with two funding sources: a Developer Fund for Tenant Relocation Assistance (Developer Fund) and a City of Austin Tenant Relocation Fund (City Fund).

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 20, 2023 - Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement with GMC Consultants, LLC for tenant relocation and housing locator services in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Additional Backup Information:

Council adopted the Tenant Notification and Relocation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20160901-050) on September 1, 2016, which called for the establishment of a Tenant Relocation Program with two funding sources: the Developer Fund and the City Fund. However, it was later determined that the City cannot require developers to pay a tenant relocation fee into the Developer Fund, as called for by the ordinance, because state law prohibits linkage fees.

Challenges were identified in the years following the 2016 adoption of the Tenant Notification and Relocation Ordinance, and a subsequent resolution (Resolution No. 20180628-063) directed the City

Manager to seek feedback from stakeholders on the category of tenants who should be eligible for notification and relocation assistance, and to submit recommendations to Council to initiate an ordinance change related to this topic. Ordinance No. 20220421-058 was subsequently adopted on April 21, 2022.

AHFC funded the Tenant Relocation Program for the first time in Fiscal Year 2023, allocating \$700,000 to the City Tenant Relocation Assistance Fund in response to the 2022 ordinance. After a competitive solicitation process, staff recommended negotiating and executing an agreement with GMC Consultants, LLC in the amount of \$700,000 for tenant relocation and housing locator services.