

Legislation Text

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Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a 20-month contract that includes three 12-month contract extension options with each of the following non-profit agencies: American Youthworks, Austin Area Urban League, Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Easterseals Central Texas, Inc., Interfaith Action of Central Texas, Meals on Wheels and More, Inc., and Rebuilding Together Austin to fund and administer the General Obligation Bond Funded Home Repair Program, GO REPAIR!, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Funding for the 12-month extensions is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets. The contract term is estimated to begin February 1, 2022 and end on September 30, 2023, and AHFC retains the right to extend the contract for three additional years. This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

November 14, 2019 - The Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors approved 13-month contracts with one 12-month extension option.

Additional Backup Information

The GO REPAIR! Program (Program) provides grant funds in an amount up to \$20,000 to households that do not exceed 80% of the Austin Median Family Income (MFI), which is currently \$79,100 for a family of four. In addition, Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will reimburse subrecipients an administrative fee not to exceed 20% per project. A total of approximately 208 unduplicated households will be served per contract year.

Properties must be located within the City limits of Austin. The Program seeks to preserve the exiting housing stock and improve the quality of life for homeowners, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. The Program provides financial assistance to make repairs that will eliminate health and safety hazards. Moreover, repairs that make the property as safe and healthy as possible for all potential occupants are eligible. There are twenty-nine primary Housing Hazards identified in the Healthy Home Rating System for which homes should be assessed and that can be addressed through this Program. The 29 primary Housing Hazards are: Damp and Mold Growth; Excess Cold; Excess Heat; Asbestos, Silica, and other Manufactured Mineral Fibers (MMF); Biocides; Carbon Monoxide and Fuel Combustion Products; Lead; Radiation; Uncombusted Fuel Gas; Volatile Organic Compounds; Crowding and Space; Entry by Intruders; Lighting; Noise; Domestic Hygiene, Pests, and Refuse; Food Safety; Personal Hygiene, Sanitation, and Drainage; Water Supply; Falls Associated with Baths, etc.; Falling on Level Surfaces, etc.; Falling on Stairs, etc.; Falling Between Levels; Electrical Hazards; Fire; Flames, Hot Surfaces, etc.; Collision and Entrapment; Explosions; Position and Operability of Amenities, etc.; and Structural Collapse and Falling Elements.

All services are at no cost to qualifying households. The property must be a single-family home or duplex and must be the Applicant's principal place of residence.

If approved, AHFC will negotiate and execute contracts with the selected Non-Profit Organizations awarded contracts through the 2021 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The selected Non-Profit Organizations will be the City's and AHFC's subrecipients for the Program. Under the contract, Non-Profit Organizations will respond to client requests for repairs, verify client eligibility, develop specifications for repairs, facilitate repairs, hire licensed contractors and other skilled tradespersons, provide quality assurance for the work performed, and make referrals to other City funded home repair programs.

The Program has been in existence since 2010.

Award Matrix Attached.