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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3
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SUBJECT: Approve the award and execution of five construction services contracts for services to be provided under the Austin Housing Finance Corporation's Architectural Barrier Removal Programs with ON CALL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC, Austin, Texas, JAMES GATZMEYER, Austin, Texas, INTERSTATE FINISH SYSTEMS, Austin, Texas, PIATRA, INC, Austin, Texas and ASHRAF & FAROOQ ASSOCIATES, Austin, Texas, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, with four 12-month extension periods for each contract for a total combined amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for each extension period

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 is included in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office 2008-09 proposed budget and will be granted to the Austin Housing Finance Corporation through an annual service agreement for fiscal year 2008-09. Future funding is contingent on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be appropriated as available for the next four fiscal years. All funding is subject to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development environmental review and fund release process.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Austin Housing Finance Corporation **AUTHORIZATION: _____**

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PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

The Architectural Barrier Removal Program (ABR) helps elderly and mobility-impaired homeowners and renters to remain in their homes longer and to live with a greater degree of independence by removing architectural barriers in their homes. Approval of this request will allow the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to efficiently respond to client needs by rotating ABR services among five vendors. The construction contracts will allow for the removal of architectural barriers in approximately 450 homes annually. The homes receiving repairs will be owned or occupied by mobility-impaired

people, including seniors, having incomes at or below 80% Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$56,900 for a family of four. The services include, but are not limited to

- Installing ramps
- Reconfiguring bathrooms so that the person with a disability will be able to use the toilet and shower
- Installing adequate equipment for bathrooms
- Installing lever type faucets
- Installing lever type door handles
- Installing devices, buzzers, or flashing lights to aid the sight or hearing impaired persons for safety and mobility

This activity is consistent with the Fiscal Years 2004-2009 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Action Plan as identified under the Owner Occupied Program and the Rental Housing Program