

AGENDA



Thursday, October 2, 2008

**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$277,350, with four optional 12-month extension periods in an amount not to exceed; \$43,350 for the first extension period; \$38,350 for the second extension period; \$28,350 for the third extension period; and \$13,350 for the fourth extension period, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,750 for organizational expenses, property maintenance and the stabilization of structures eligible for historic designation; and approve extension of the current contract with the URA to December 1, 2008 to complete the negotiation and execution of the new contract.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office 34th Year Community Development Block Grant, East 11th & 12th Streets Redevelopment Program. Funding is subject to Environmental Review and Fund Release; and future funds are based on funding availability.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

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The Urban Renewal Agency (URA) is a public urban renewal agency created and operating under Chapter 374 of the Texas Local Government Code and is designated by the City as a Department of Housing and Urban Development Subrecipient. The URA assists in the implementation of the East 11th and East 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan.

The URA will use the funds provided under the contract with the City to pay for the maintenance of URA owned property and to pay for the URA's organizational expenses which include the purchase of required insurance and, if necessary, an audit.

During the first year of the contract, the URA will also use the funds to pay for the stabilization of the vacant structure located at 912 E. 11th Street (the Detrick-Hamilton House). The Detrick-Hamilton House was identified in the 2006 bond election as the proposed future site of the African-American Cultural & Heritage Facility. The house must be structurally stabilized to preserve its historical aspects.

The URA supports this request and approved a motion in its September 15, 2008 meeting to approve the extension of the existing contract to complete negotiation of the new contract.