

AGENDA



Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 46**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with Austin Tenants' Council (ATC), in an amount not to exceed \$288,729, with a one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$288,729, for a combined contract amount not to exceed \$577,458, for community education and protection under tenant protection laws.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Grant Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Per HUD requirements, this action is subject to applicable environmental review prior to the release of funds. Funding for the extension option is contingent upon available funds in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Under this contract, ATC shall:

- provide mediation and related services to assist at least 549 clients resolve housing code issues with their landlords;
- provide mediation services to at least 100 eligible clients in general housing matters;
- conduct at least 15 workshops and public forums to provide education and information on tenant/landlord relationships, tenant's rights, and the Fair Housing Act; and
- investigate complaints of violations of the Fair Housing Act.