

Community Development Commission meeting
5-11-2010

Purpose: Dept of Energy grant "Austin Weatherization Innovations Grant"

Grantee: A Nurtured World (1House at a Time)

Co-sponsors: Austin Housing Repair Coalition

Neighborhood Housing, Austin Energy, GO Bond sub-recipient non-profits, Austin Water, Texas Gas and area non-profits caring for low income families, elderly and the disabled.

Purpose: Innovative Partnerships to perform whole house weatherization – holistic approach.

Particulars of the proposed whole home approach:

1. Coordinates health, safety, and resource efficiency interventions in low-income families' homes from start to finish, making it safe and affordable for these families to stay in their homes and neighborhoods.
2. Provides training for future leaders in whole house retrofits and builds a market to retain those new green job opportunities.
3. Leverages local volunteer, in-kind, material, and financial investments with federal funding to maximize the impact of each dollar and hour invested;
4. Builds a Home Repair database shared by all AHRC members to facilitate future coordination, decrease inefficiency and eliminate duplication and fraud.
5. Creates a Wellness Survey that will track the physical and mental health of our low income families before and after the renovations are performed.
6. Establishes a holistic weatherization model that can be replicated by other communities across America, especially in the south.

Requests from CDC:

We need a letter of recommendation to City Council to fund the necessary structural repairs to facilitate this whole house approach to weatherization. Funding sources can be spelled out or not.

We need a letter of endorsement of this grant addressed to A Nurtured World backing the grant proposal and further demonstrating the impressive collaborative effort pioneered by the Austin Housing Repair Coalition in our city.

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