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Recommendation for Board Action

Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	9285	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of contracts with the following five contractors: AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE FOR HABITAT, INC.; MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE; AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE; INTERFAITH ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS; and AMERICAN YOUTHWORKS; each for a one-year term beginning on October 1, 2011, to provide emergency home repair services under the General Obligation Bond Home Repair Program, for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,324,470.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth Spencer, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Board appropriated General Obligation (GO) Bonds to be used for a new home repair program. The AHFC will fund emergency home repairs for conditions that pose immediate health and safety concerns. Non-profit organizations will assist homeowners with electrical, plumbing, mechanical, exterior siding, window, door, drywall, flooring and roof repairs.

The purpose of the GO Bond Home Repair Program is to address substandard housing conditions of low- and moderate-income homeowners residing within the corporate city limits of the City of Austin. The program provides financial assistance to make repairs that will eliminate health and safety hazards and/or provide improved accessibility. The program provides up to \$15,000 of assistance per home per fiscal year. This amount includes up to \$5,000 for roof replacement.

The program will assist households with a total household income at or below 80 percent of the area's Median Family Income (MFI, currently \$59,900 for a family of four) with a focus on assisting households at 50 percent MFI or below (\$37,450 for a family of four). A homeowner may only use assistance received under the Program for repairs to his or her homestead.

The AHFC issued a Notice of Funding Availability on August 8, 2011. A mandatory meeting was held on August 17, 2011, that five non-profit organizations attended. Five applications were received on August 26, 2011. The contracts will allow roof replacement and emergency home repairs to approximately 100 homes.

This activity is consistent with the Fiscal Years 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan as identified under the Homeowner Assistance Program.