Recommendation for Board Action								
Austin Housing Finance Corporation		Item ID	34507		Agenda Number		8.	
Meeting Date:	8/7/2014			D	epartment:	Neighborhood and Community Development		
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Authorize an increase of \$300,000 to an existing loan to AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC., for the purpose of funding pre-development work on the 14-acre Meadow Lake Subdivision to be developed for homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households, for a total loan amount not to exceed \$942,896.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2013-2014 Austin Housing Finance Corporation Operating Budget.

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There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.							
Purchasing Language:							
Prior Council Action:							
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 512-974-3182; or David Potter, Program Manager, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-3192.						
Boards and Commission Action:	April 11, 2013 – The Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board approved a loan in the amount of \$642,896 for the acquisition of a 14-acre tract to be developed as the Meadow Lake Subdivision.						
MBE / WBE:							
Related Items:							

Additional Backup Information

If approved, the existing loan to Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (Habitat) will be increased by \$300,000 for predevelopment work on the 14-acre Meadow Lake Subdivision located on Meadow Lake Drive off of Bluff Springs Road. The subdivision will be developed for no fewer than 60 new single-family homes.

Funding Request

- If approved, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) funds will represent \$15,715 per unit or approximately 11 percent of the total project cost estimated to be \$8.6 million. The additional funding will come from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
- Estimated sources and uses for the project are as follows:

Sources:		Uses:	
Austin Habitat for Humanity	\$7,164,562*	Acquisition	\$ 642,896
Lender Line of Credit	525,000	Pre-development	300,000
Existing AHFC Loan	642,896	Construction	7,419,962
New AHFC Funding	300,000	Soft & Carrying Costs	<u>269,600</u>
TOTAL	\$8,632,458	TOTAL	\$8,632,458

- *This amount includes in-kind volunteer services and donations of labor and supplies, as well as community support.
- The request for funding is consistent with the City of Austin's currently approved Consolidated Plan and the AHFC's strategy to provide assistance through below market-rate financing for the development of affordable ownership housing for low- and moderate-income households and for persons with special needs.

Project Characteristics

- Homes will consist of two to five bedrooms, depending upon the family's needs. The size of the homes will range from 900 square feet to 1,400 square feet.
- Prices will range from \$105,000 to \$120,000. However, each household's mortgage would range from \$65,000 to \$80,000. Habitat will provide a zero percent (0%) interest second mortgage which would require no repayment until the home is sold.
- The typical monthly payment for principal, interest, taxes, and insurance will be approximately \$500.
- To ensure long-term affordability of the homes, Habitat uses a Shared Equity and Right of First Refusal model of ownership.

Population Served

All buyers must have total household incomes at or below 80 percent of the Median Family Income (MFI) currently \$60,300 for a four-person household in the Austin area. Buyers must successfully complete Habitat's homeownership program and contribute a certain number of hours of "sweat equity" to qualify.

Organization

Austin Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1985. Its mission and vision are anchored around our dedication to ending the cycle of poverty housing and the deeply held belief that everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to live. To date, Habitat has built more than 365 homes in the Austin area.