

Recommendation for Board Action				
Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	50813	Agenda Number	2.
Meeting Date:	10/15/2015		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of an 11-month contract with Austin Area Urban League, Inc. to provide home repair services through the GO Repair! Program, with an option to extend up to 120 days, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	September 10, 2015 - Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board appropriated \$2,500,000 in Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond funds for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the GO Repair! Program.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

If approved, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will contract with Austin Area Urban League, Inc. (AAUL) to provide home repair services through the GO Repair! Program. The contract period is expected to begin November 1, 2015, and end September 30, 2016. AHFC will have the option to extend the contract for 120 days through January 27, 2017, if necessary. AAUL expects to serve approximately 16 households for the contract period.

The GO Repair Program began in 2010. Since 2014, the Program has been funded by the issuance of \$65 million in affordable housing general obligation bonds approved by voters on November 5, 2013. \$10 million in GO Bond funds is available for the 2015-2016 fiscal year of which \$2.5 million is for the GO! Repair Program.

The purpose of the GO 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.

The program contracts with non-profit organizations to assist homeowners with electrical, plumbing, mechanical, exterior siding, window, door, drywall, roofing, and flooring repairs. Moreover, repairs that make the property as safe and healthy as possible for all potential occupants are eligible. There are twenty-nine primary Housing Hazards identified in the Healthy Home Rating System that homes should be assessed for and that can be addressed through the program.

The program will assist households with a total household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Family Income. Each homeowner receiving assistance through this program must occupy the home and must be the owner's homestead.

AHFC issued the \$2.5 million GO Repair Notice of Funding Ability (NOFA) on August 24, 2015. A pre-submittal meeting was held on August 31, 2015, and applications were due on September 7, 2015. Seven non-profit agencies submitted applications for the NOFA. Six agencies met the requirements to be accepted to the program. Four of the six contracts exceed the AHFC administrative limit of \$300,000 and, therefore, require AHFC Board action. The remaining two contracts will be awarded administratively. 139 households are expected to be served by all firms.

This activity is consistent with the Fiscal Years 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan as identified under the Homeowner Assistance Programs.