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AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to contracts entered into with SUNSTRIP, INC, Lago Vista, TX, TRINITY LAND & HOMES, Austin, TX, and ON CALL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, Austin, TX, on March 17, 2004 for architectural barrier removal services for homes of elderly persons and persons with disabilities under the Architectural Barrier Removal Program to extend the contract for three months in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$400,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in CDBG grant funds years 27 and 28 allocated in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 budget of Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Housing Finance
DEPARTMENT: Corporation

DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The purpose of the Architectural Barrier Program (ABR) is to increase the accessibility of homes of elderly and mobility-impaired homeowners and renters through the removal of architectural barriers in their homes, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. Staff activities under this program include, but are not limited to the following:

- Develop and implement outreach efforts to publicize the program throughout the contract period
- Identify mobility impaired and elderly persons who qualify for program services
- Develop specifications for ABR activities
- Assist in the selection of competent contractors to modify or retrofit units
- Verify that barriers have been removed in accordance with specifications

Approval of this request will extend an existing three-month contract for three additional months. This contract provides construction services necessary for the removal of architectural barriers in the homes of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. These services include, but are not exclusively limited to:

- Reconfiguring bathrooms to the extent that the disabled resident will be able to use the toilet and shower
- Permanent installation of adaptive equipment for bathrooms
- Installation of handrails and /or grab bars on medically required pools, hot tubs or saunas
- Installation of lever type faucet handles
- Installation of lever type door handles

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- Installation of shower wands
- Installation of raised toilets
- Installation of extended toilet seats
- Installation of devices, buzzers or flashing lights to aid the sight of hearing impaired persons
- Installation of ramps

A twelve-month contract, that will replace the current agreement for the ABR program, is currently in the procurement process. The execution of the twelve-month contract is anticipated within three months.