

<b>Recommendation for Board Action</b>				
Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	63113	Agenda Number	4.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2016		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of seven 12-month contracts with EASTER SEALS – CENTRAL TEXAS, INC., MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE, INC., INTERFAITH ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS (iACT), AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE, INC., AMERICAN YOUTHWORKS, AUSTIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC., and REBUILDING AUSTIN TOGETHER for repair of homes eligible through the GO Repair! Program for a combined total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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 22, 2016 - Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board appropriated \$2,000,000 in Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the GO Repair! Program.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				
<p>If approved, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will contract with Easter Seals – Central Texas, Inc., Meals On Wheels and More, Inc., Interfaith Action Of Central Texas (iACT), Austin Area Urban League, Inc., American Youthworks, Austin Habitat For Humanity, Inc., and Rebuilding Austin Together to provide home repair services through the GO Repair! Program. The contract period is expected to begin October 1, 2016, and end September 30, 2017. AHFC will have the option to extend the contract for 120 days through January 27, 2018, if necessary. The agencies expect to serve approximately 111 households for the contract period.</p> <p>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. \$14 million in GO Bond funds is available for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of which \$2 million is for the GO Repair! Program.</p>				

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 million GO Repair Notice of Funding Ability (NOFA) on August 2, 2016. A pre-submittal meeting was held on August 9, 2016, and applications were due on August 16, 2016. Seven non-profit agencies submitted applications for the NOFA. Seven agencies met the requirements to be accepted to the program.

**Award Methodology:**

The available funds will be distributed to the seven agencies consistently based on the percentage of their funding request as a proportion of the total funding request applied to the \$2M available. For example, Easter Seals – Central Texas, Inc. requested \$126,000, which was approximately 4.29% of the total funding request for all firms. 4.29% of the \$2,000,000 available = \$85,890.

Easter Seals - Central Texas, Inc.	\$ 85,890
Meals on Wheels and More, Inc.	\$ 1,022,495
Interfaith Action of Central Texas	\$ 282,208
Austin Area Urban League, Inc.	\$ 204,498
American Youthworks	\$ 49,080
Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$ 257,668
Rebuilding Together Austin	\$ 98,161
	\$ 2,000,000.00

This activity is consistent with the Fiscal Years 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan as identified under the Homeowner Assistance Programs.