

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018**

**Item Number: 022**

**Planning and Zoning**

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$43,200 in grant funds from the United States Department of the Interior, Historic Preservation Fund's Underrepresented Communities Grant Program and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Planning and Zoning Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$43,200 for the completion of two National Register historic district nominations in East Austin, community outreach around historic preservation, and community heritage events.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Planning and Zoning
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$43,200 is available from the United States Department of the Interior, Historic Preservation Fund's Underrepresented Communities Grant Program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.
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**Additional Backup Information:**

The Underrepresented Communities Grants (UCG) provides funds to increase the number of listings associated with communities that are underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and is considered one-time funding with an allocation period of 20 months. This project will increase the

awareness of historic preservation through National Register historic district nominations and community heritage events in two historically significant African American and Hispanic neighborhoods in East Austin. Results will include increased awareness of what historic preservation is, how it helps recognize and save unique local history, and how it can benefit historically underserved communities that are facing exceptionally high development pressures. Tangible outcomes for this project include creating a gold-standard protocol for future community engagement around historic designation efforts, stronger collaborative partnerships between the City and community groups and institutions, and future local district designation and National Register nominations.

The total allocation of \$43,200 for the City's UCG will be divided into two eligible categories: \$5,400 for operations and \$37,800 for subcontracts.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Planning and Zoning Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.