

**Recommendation for Council Action** 

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: August 30, 2018

Item Number: 012

## Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County, Travis County Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, and Housing Authority of Travis County related to procuring and managing a contract to conduct a Housing Market Analysis.

Lead Department	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	<ul> <li>April 11, 2013- Council approved Resolution 20130411-014</li> <li>authorizing the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement</li> <li>with Travis County to allow the City of Austin to develop and manage</li> <li>a solicited contract to conduct a HousingMarket Study and an Analysis</li> <li>of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study.</li> <li>June 25, 2017- Council approved Resolution 20170615-017</li> <li>authorizing the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement</li> <li>with Travis County, et al to allow the City of Austin to conduct a</li> <li>Regional Assessment of Fair Housing.</li> </ul>
For More Information	Rosie Truelove, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-3064; Erica Leak, Acting Assistant Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-9375.

## Additional Backup Information:

If approved, the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) will execute an agreement with Travis County, Travis County Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, and Housing Authority of Travis County related to procuring a contract to conduct and manage a Housing Market Analysis. This assessment is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the City's Fiscal Years 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

A Consolidated Plan helps states and local jurisdictions make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. A grantee, such as the City, must prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that includes a grantee's needs assessment, a housing market analysis, and a strategic plan for addressing the community's priority needs for the period of the plan. The Housing Market Analysis identifies an area's greatest housing needs and an area's housing gaps using federal guidelines.

In September, 2017, the City reached an agreement with Travis County and various other partners to conduct a Regional Assessment of Fair Housing. Data from the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing will inform portions of the Housing Market Analysis, and will be included in the City's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

The City, Travis County, the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin, and the Housing Authority of Travis County have mutual interest in conducting a regional Housing Market Analysis for the benefits of cost sharing and understanding housing needs on a regional scale.

At this time, the parties intend to mutually fund the project with the City as the primary administrator of the contract. NHCD expects to bring the housing market analysis contract to Council in October, 2018.