



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2991, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the Austin Area Urban League, Inc. to fund and administer the Minor Home Repair Program which provides home repairs through federal grant to homeowners in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2019 federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prior Council Action:

September 28, 2017 - Council approved a one-year service agreement to expire September 30, 2018, with one 12-month extension option.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

n/a.

Additional Backup Information:

The Minor Home Repair Program (MHR), which was created a year ago, provides grant funds to eligible homeowners located in the City of Austin. The funds are used to alleviate actual risk to life, health or safety for eligible homeowners and their families. The program seeks to preserve the existing housing stock and improve the quality of life for low-income homeowners, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. The cost of repairing any one home under this program shall not exceed \$5,000.

If approved, a one year contract will be negotiated and executed with the Austin Area Urban League, Inc. (AAUL). The AAUL has provided home repairs services for over thirty three years. Services to be provided by AAUL under the contract include: responding to client requests for repairs, verifying client eligibility, developing specifications for repairs, facilitating repairs, using licensed contractors and other skilled tradespersons, and providing quality assurance for the work performed. The term of the contract with the AAUL will begin on October 1, 2019 and end on September 30, 2020.

A homeowner is eligible if the homeowner resides in the home and their total household incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the Austin area Median Family Income (currently \$75,500 for a family of four). The funds will serve a total of 200 unduplicated households

