



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2099, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Ratify an emergency contract in an amount of \$1,459,656 with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to provide one-time emergency rental assistance for COVID-19 impacted households.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount \$1,459,656 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to allow the City to take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the city and county. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbot issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Stay Home - Work Safe Order was issued March 24, 2020, to establish social distancing, and was extended on April 13, 2020. In order to provide emergency rental assistance urgently needed to households impacted by COVID-19 pandemic, a contract for \$1,459,656 was issued to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to provide one-time emergency rental assistance. This emergency contract exceeded the General Manager's authority and now requires ratification by the Board.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.