

- 21 • increase the \$59,000 cap on individual Heritage Grant awards to \$250,000
22 with staff discretion to recommend to Council grant requests above this
23 threshold; and

24 **WHEREAS**, City staff use City Council Resolution No. 20181004-033 as a
25 guide for how to apportion funds in future fiscal years; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5) authorizes hotel occupancy
27 tax revenue to be used for historic restoration and preservation projects or activities or
28 advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage
29 tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums:

- 30 • at or in the immediate vicinity of the convention center facilities or visitor
31 information centers; or
32 • located elsewhere in the municipality or its vicinity that would be
33 frequented by tourists and convention delegates; and

34 **WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$16,079,216 is available in FY 2020-2021
35 to the Economic Development Department for eligible historic restoration and
36 preservation projects and activities; and

37 **WHEREAS**, for nearly two decades, a portion of the Austin Convention and
38 Visitors Bureau (now Visit Austin) budget has been allocated to fund and administer
39 the Heritage Grant Program, and Visit Austin ceased administration of the program at
40 the end of 2018; and

41 **WHEREAS**, an interdepartmental working group evaluated proposals for project
42 funding for City of Austin facilities and sites and prioritized investments, using the
43 guidance of City Council Resolution 20181004-033; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

44 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

45 The City Manager is authorized to award, negotiate, and execute historic
46 preservation fund service contracts for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, in an amount not to
47 exceed \$16,079,216 for historic preservation and restoration projects, as recommended
48 by staff.

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51 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk