



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3452, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year agreement with Austin Tenants Council for counseling and emergency mediation services for COVID-19 impacted households in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$180,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Department's Operating Budget.

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. Since March, various state and local COVID-related orders designed to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 required individuals to stay home and work safe. As a result, many households lost wages or employment, which makes these households vulnerable to eviction. In order to provide needed emergency tenant and landlord mediation services to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, City staff recommends negotiating and executing a contract for \$180,000 with Austin Tenants Council.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.