



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1502, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

3/25/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$30,000 in grant funds from the Texas Historical Commission's Certified Local Government grant program and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to appropriate \$30,000 for phase 1 of an equity-focused historic preservation plan.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$30,000 is available from the Texas Historical Commission's Certified Local Government grant program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020-Council approved the Fiscal 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Certified Local Government grant provides funds to participating municipal governments to develop and sustain an effective historic preservation program. The grant is considered one-time funding with an allocation period of 19 months, from March 26, 2021 through October 31, 2022.

The historic preservation plan (phase 1, 2021-22) seeks to replace Austin's 1981 preservation plan with an inclusive, equity-focused, and community-based planning process and outcome. Phase 1 will result in a draft historic preservation plan, including recommended policies, tools, and programmatic changes.

Grant funds will be matched by time committed by existing City staff and community stakeholders.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.