



**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 14  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/29/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve the negotiation and execution of a twelve-month contract with the AUSTIN TENANT'S COUNCIL, Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$264,927 for tenant-landlord counseling, technical assistance and mediation assistance.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development from Community Development Block Grant funds. Funding is subject to environmental review and fund release by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Neighborhood Housing      **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** and Community      **AUTHORIZATION:** Paul Hilgers  
Development

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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Approve the negotiation and execution of a twelve-month contract with the AUSTIN TENANT'S COUNCIL, Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$264,927.00 for tenant-landlord counseling, technical assistance and mediation assistance to correct violations of the City Uniform Housing Code with local amendments, public education and information about tenant-landlord relationships, tenant rights, and the federal Fair Housing Act and the investigation of housing discrimination complaints.

The proposed contract activities include providing direct counseling regarding tenant-landlord and Fair Housing rights and responsibilities, technical assistance to clients to correct Housing Code violations, public education and information on tenant-landlord relationships, tenant rights and the Fair Housing Act, and providing supportive services to investigate housing discrimination complaints through HUD-approved private fair housing enforcement activities.