




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Rosie Truelove, Director 
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

DATE: September 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Selected grantees for outreach contracts for Relief of Emergency Needs for Tenants

This memorandum is provided as backup for item 21 on the September 17, 2020 City Council agenda. The item is to ratify a master agreement with multiple grantees to provide outreach for COVID-19 impacted households who are in need of emergency rental assistance through the Relief for Emergency Needs of Tenants (RENT) Program.

Item 21: Ratify a master agreement with multiple grantees to provide emergency outreach for COVID-19 impacted households who are in need of emergency rental assistance through the Relief for Emergency Needs of Tenants program, not to exceed \$400,000 for the term of August 17, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

These grants will expand outreach to vulnerable populations facing ongoing financial hardship due to COVID-19 by supporting community-based organizations that have a demonstrated record of success reaching out to the focus populations. Grants to qualifying organizations will not exceed \$50,000 per organization. The recommended award are a result of a Request for Applications and evaluation process led in partnership with the City of Austin Equity Office.

The focus population for the outreach are:

- Low-income residents in zip codes with high rates of COVID-19
- African American/Black and Latinx(a/o)
- Large households or families with children
- People with disabilities
- Veterans
- People with Limited English Proficiency



The organizations listed below will be awarded funding to assist with program outreach:

Age of Central Texas	\$15,000
Austin Apartment Association	\$10,500
Austin Area Urban League	\$30,000
Austin Voices for Education & Youth	\$35,000
BookSpring	\$12,000
Dove Springs Proud	\$22,000
Economic Growth Business Incubator	\$10,000
El Buen Samaritano	\$48,896
Family Eldercare	\$50,000
Foundation Communities	\$50,000
Goodwill Central Texas	\$50,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$10,000
Youth & Family Alliance	\$26,455
YWCA	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$399,851

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (512) 974-3064 or Nefertitti Jackmon, Policy and Planning Manager, at (512) 974-1091.