



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request Travis County Housing Finance Corporation

Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Prepared By/Phone Number: Andrea Shields, Manager/854-9116

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, Planning and Budget

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, President

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action to approve:

- A. Payment of \$850.00 for annual membership in National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies; and
- B. Payment of \$675.00 for annual membership in Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS: See attached backup.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: None.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: Andrea Shields, Manager/854-9116;
Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, Planning and Budget/854-9066

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

DATE: January 10, 2012

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Andrea Shields, Manager

SUBJECT: Membership Dues – National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA) and Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (TALHFA)

Proposed Motion:

Approve payments of \$850 and \$675.00 for annual memberships in NALHFA and TALHFA, respectively.

Summary and Background Information:

We request permission to allocate \$850 for the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation to be a member of NALHFA. Additionally, we request permission to allocate another \$675 for Leroy Nellis, Andrea Shields and Karen Thigpen, Assistant Corporations Administrator to be TALHFA members.

If personnel change during the year, the TALHFA membership may be transferred to another County employee.

NALHFA is the national trade organization for professionals working to finance affordable housing in the broader community development context at the local level. As a non-profit association, NALHFA is an advocate before Congress and federal agencies on legislative and regulatory issues affecting affordable housing and provides technical assistance and educational opportunities to its members and the public. Members are city and county agencies, non-profits, and private firms, such as underwriters, consultants, financial advisors, bond counsels, and rating agencies, which help in producing housing from concept to completion.

The resources (newsletters, membership directory, national conferences, etc.) offered by NALHFA are well worth the membership dues. The upcoming national conference in April 2012 will be in Austin (co-hosted by the Travis County HFC, Capital Area HFC and the City of Austin).

TALHFA is a non-profit corporation established in 1989 for the purposes of informing, planning and supporting the needs of local housing finance agencies in their delivery of affordable housing to the citizens of Texas.

The resources (newsletters, membership directory, state conference, technical assistance, etc.) offered by TALHFA are well worth the membership dues. TALHFA's executive director, Jeanne Talerico, the former Program Administrator for the Texas Bond Review Board, is a valuable resource for technical questions.

TALHFA is very active as an advocate for housing finance corporations during the legislative session. The website tracks important bills affecting affordable housing issues.

cc: Leroy Nellis, Acting County Executive, Planning and Budget
Karen Thigpen, Assistant Corporations Administrator



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 Washington, DC 20036-3309
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 Fax: (202) 367-2197
 www.nalhfa.org

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 Corporation

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Senior Associate

December 5, 2011

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PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

Andrea Shields
 Travis County Housing Finance Corporation
 700 Lavaca St Ste. 1560
 Austin, TX 78701

Dear Andrea:

On behalf of the NALHFA Board of Directors and staff I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your support of NALHFA over the past year through payment of membership dues. As you know NALHFA relies heavily on member dues to sustain the staff infrastructure to effectively advocate on behalf of members' interests.

This has been a very tough year for NALHFA members' affordable housing programs. Despite NALHFA's extensive lobbying efforts, last April Congress completed action on the FY 2011 appropriations bills and delivered a blow, cutting such core programs as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) by 16% and the Home Investment partnership program by 12%, all in the name of deficit reduction. Again, despite NALHFA's lobbying efforts, in November Congress continued this trend by significantly cutting CDBG and HOME once more. While these cuts are indeed serious, I believe it is fair to say that without NALHFA's lobbying efforts these programs could have disappeared. However, NALHFA did succeed in preserving the CDBG planning and administrative cap at 20% despite a move by House appropriators to slash it by 50%. NALHFA also worked with other stakeholders to fight for preservation of the tax exemption for housing bonds and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits as they were threatened by the deficit-reduction "super committee's" deliberations.

As we look to 2012 your continued support of NALHFA will be critical. There will be continued pressure in the next Congress to reduce federal spending that will again put affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization programs like CDBG and HOME at risk, as well as threats to bonds and tax credits under the guise of "tax reform." NALHFA must be deeply involved in helping to preserve resources. In addition, NALHFA will be seeking support for a second round of the Treasury/ GSE New Issue Bond Purchase program, a program that has been a tremendous success.

Enclosed for your convenience is an invoice for you 2012 dues. Please note that it is the same amount you paid in 2011. Your prompt remittance is appreciated.

Please accept the best wishes of the NALHFA staff for a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

John C. Murphy
 Executive Director

2012 Dues Invoice



2025 M Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036-3309
Phone (202) 367-1197
Fax (202) 367-2197
website: www.nalhfa.org

Invoice Date: 1/1/12

Bill To:

Travis County Housing Finance Corporation
700 Lavaca St
Ste. 1560
Austin, TX 78701

Remit Payment To:

NALHFA
Lock Box Department 3052
Washington, DC 20042-3052

Membership Type:

Regular

Amount Due:

BALANCE
\$850.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF NALHFA

NALHFA is a section 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. As such, contributions or gifts to this organization are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. In general, payments of membership dues are deductible for most members of a trade association under Section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expenses; however, pursuant to Section 162(e) (1) of the Code, no deduction shall be allowed for any amount paid in connection with influencing legislation. Accordingly, NALHFA estimates that 50% of your dues payment is non-deductible because it supports NALHFA's lobbying activities.

PLEASE DETACH AND REMIT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Andrea Shields
Travis County Housing Finance
Corporation
700 Lavaca St
Ste. 1560
Austin, TX 78701

Invoice Date: 1/1/12

Amount Due: \$850.00

Method of Payment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check made payable to NALHFA in USD.	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard
Credit Card	_____		Expiration _____
Name on Credit Card:	_____		
Signature:	_____		

SEND PAYMENT TO:

NALHFA
LOCK BOX DEPARTMENT 3052
WASHINGTON, DC 20042-3052



**Texas Association of
Local Housing Finance Agencies**

INVOICE

Invoice Date: December 1, 2011
Payment Due Date: January 20, 2012

Andrea Shields
Travis County HFC
700 Lavaca Street Suite 1560
Austin, TX 78701

Description	Amount
2012 Issuer Membership	\$675.00
Housing Finance Corporations—Local Government Entity Only (HFC Staff and Board Members ONLY) ***Issuer members do NOT include counsel or advisors***	

\$225 per Individual Member for Calendar Year - One Vote per Member

Your 2011 Issuer Membership included 3 Members:

**Andrea Shields
Miguel Gonzalez
Leroy Nellis**

<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Receive a \$25.00 discount on your Membership Fee for every additional <i>NEW*</i> member you bring to TALHFA! (* Does not apply to replacement members)</p>	New Member (-\$25) _____	(_____)
	New Member (-\$25) _____	(_____)
	New Member (-\$25) _____	(_____)

Total Due

WE MAKE MISTAKES!

It's essential that you review the attached Information Form for each member & return to TALHFA with any appropriate changes. If a member has left your organization, please indicate on form and return to us. Please complete a 2012 Affiliate Membership Application for each new member. Return ALL Information Forms (including those without changes) along with your payment to TALHFA at:

Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies or TALHFA
5766 Balcones Drive, Suite 102
Austin, TX 78731-4201
Phone 512.481.9933 • Fax 512.535.0593 • Suzanne@TALHFA.org

TALHFA works due to member participation - thank YOU for your continued support!

Notice: TALHFA is a Non-Profit Corporation with a 501(c)(6) designation from the Internal Revenue Service. Membership Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes; however, dues may be deductible by members as an ordinary business expense. A portion of dues may not be deductible as an ordinary business expense to the extent TALHFA engages in lobbying. In 2011, less than 1% of TALHFA's income was used for lobbying expenses.



Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies

2012 Issuer Member Information Form

**Please review your information – check for misspellings, incorrect or incomplete data and make necessary corrections.
Return this form even if there are no changes.**

CURRENT INFORMATION	CORRECTIONS
Andrea Shields	Name
Manager	Title at HFC
Travis County HFC	Organization
700 Lavaca Street	MAILING Address
Suite 1560	Address 2
Austin, TX 78701	City ST Zip
(512) 854-9116	Phone
(512) 854-4210	Fax
andrea.shields@co.travis.tx.us	Email
www.co.travis.tx.us/housing_finance	Website

TALHFA's success depends on your participation!

Please let us know on which committee(s) you would like to serve in 2012: [\(previous committee memberships do NOT carryover\)](#)

- 2012 Conference Planning
- Awards
- Legislative
- Membership
- Nominating

How would you like to receive your copy?

Receiving a quarterly issue of *TALHFA Talk* is just one of the perks of membership.

- Send me *TALHFA Talk* via email.
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We strive to include articles from our members!
Contact the office if you would like to submit an article.

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Phone 512.481.933 Fax 512.535.0593 Suzanne@TALHFA.org

Join us on Facebook as **Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (TALHFA)!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

For TALHFA Admin Only

Date Received _____	CContact _____	Web Directory _____
Access _____	Conf & Thank you _____	QB _____
		CC/Check _____



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CURRENT INFORMATION	CORRECTIONS
Miguel Gonzalez	Name Karen Thigpen
Sr. Financial Advisor	Title at HFC Asst. Corporations Administrator
Travis County HFC	Organization Travis County HFC
314 W. 11th Street	MAILING Address 700 Lavaca, Ste 1560
Ste 540	Address 2 3 Austin, TX 78701
Austin, TX 78701-2112	City Austin ST TX Zip 78701
(512) 854-4399	Phone 854-4743
(512) 854-4210	Fax 854-4210
miguel.gonzalez@co.travis.tx.us	Email Karen.thigpen@co.travis.tx.us
www.co.travis.tx.us/housing_finance	Website

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Leroy Nellis	Name
Budget Manager	Title at HFC <i>Acting County Executive</i>
Travis County HFC	Organization
314 W 11th Street	MAILING Address <i>700 Lavaca</i>
Ste 540	Address 2 <i>Ste 1500</i>
Austin, TX 78701-2112	City <i>Aushn</i> ST <i>TX</i> ^{Zip} <i>78701</i>
(512) 854-9066	Phone
(512) 854-4718	Fax <i>854-4210</i>
leroy.nellis@co.travis.tx.us	Email
www.co.travis.tx.us/housing_finance/default.asp	Website

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Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies Issuer – 2012 Membership Application

An Issuer Member is an HFC employee or HFC Board Member Only (does not include counsel or advisors)

Please complete this form for EACH NEW MEMBER for entry in the online membership directory

MEMBER Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____ Website: _____
 MEMBER Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please check one: I prefer to receive *TALHFA Talk* via email I prefer to receive *TALHFA Talk* via USPS

MEMBERSHIP

Issuer Membership

\$225 per Individual Member for calendar year 2012

Tell us about your HFC:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Bonds for Single-Family Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Administer Federal Funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Program | <input type="checkbox"/> HFC Staff How Many? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Bonds for Multi-Family Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Staff Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)3 Bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Board Member Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Down Payment Assistance Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Own Properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

TALHFA works due to member participation - on which Committee(s) would you like to serve:

___ Conference Planning ___ Awards ___ Legislative ___ Membership ___ Nominating

PAYMENT

1. Payment by Check/Credit Card:

Membership Dues: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Check made payable to 'TALHFA'

Credit Card: <http://TALHFA.org/payments.htm>

A 3% processing fee will be added to all CC payments

2. Application submission with Payment/Proof of Payment:

By Mail:

TALHFA

5766 Balcones Drive, Suite 102

Austin, TX 78731-4201

By Fax:

512.535.0593 Fax

By Email:

suzanne@talhfa.org

3. Confirmation of Receipt

An email will confirm receipt of your payment and membership.

WELCOME!

Questions

512.481.9933

Suzanne@TALHFA.org



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 Prepayment Info (2012) _____