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Grant to Help Nonprofit Provide Housing for Families in Need



Pictured l to r: Stephanie Thomas, AHA! Board President; David Long, TSAHC President; Edwina Carrington, Chair of the TSAHC Advisory Council; Spencer Durant, Executive Director of AHA!; and State Representative Eddie Rodriguez

(Austin)—Accessible Housing Austin (AHA!) accepted a \$50,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) today in Austin, Texas. Accepting the check on behalf of AHA! was Spencer Duran, Executive Director of AHA!. The grant award was presented by Texas State Representative Eddie Rodríguez of Austin, Ms. Edwina Carrington, Chair of the TSAHC Advisory Council and David Long, TSAHC President.

“Unfortunately, far too many people with disabilities are unable to find affordable, accessible and safe housing because their only source of income is disability benefits,” said State Representative Eddie Rodríguez of Austin. “I am supportive of Accessible Housing of Austin’s commitment to increase integrated housing opportunities for low-income people with disabilities in Austin. This grant will help them serve at least six families in need of a place to call home.”

The grant is a part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. AHA! manages the construction, rehabilitation, and critical repair of single family homes for Austin residents of extremely low income that have a household member with a disability. The grant will be used to rehabilitate six homes of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing owned by AHA!.

“We are impressed by AHA! and their dedication to provide housing options to families who often find themselves with few options for a home that works for them,” said Edwina Carrington, Chair of the Advisory Council of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. “The work AHA! is doing is important to the Austin community and we are excited to be a partner with them through this grant.”

“Our organization assists people with disabilities who are extremely low income and frankly can’t afford to purchase a home or make their home accessible. Their choice is often to live in substandard and dangerous conditions,” said Spencer Duran, Executive Director of Accessible Housing Austin. “We want to change that. We want to give people with disabilities the opportunity to live in a decent home they can afford to live in, which is accessible and integrated into a community. This grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation will help us do just that.”

AHA! received one of six grants awarded this year by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation as part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program. Eligible grant applicants were nonprofit organizations and rural government entities. Specifically, grants were awarded for the construction, rehabilitation and/or critical repair of owner-occupied single family homes and for the provision of supportive services in multifamily housing. Income levels of families served through this grant must be at 50% of the Area Medium Income or less.

About Accessible Housing Austin

Accessible Housing Austin (AHA!) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Community Housing Development Organization dedicated to developing and advancing affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options in the City of Austin for low-income people with disabilities and their families. Please visit <http://www.ahaustin.org/>.