



# City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal  
Office Building  
300 W. Washington Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401

## Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-575

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### Agenda Item# I.3.

**Agenda Date:** 11/4/2024. **Department:** Housing and Neighborhood Development  
**Meeting Type:** Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

**Title:** 2024-575 Resolution to Authorize Contract with University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG) Center for Housing and Community Studies (CHCS) Eviction Mediation- Tenant Education, Advocacy, and Mediation (TEAM) Project for \$315,000

**Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easiest Place to Do Business               | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Connected City                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

**Council District:** All

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date/By:** N/A

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Tenant Education, Advocacy, and Mediation (TEAM) Project was developed by the UNCG Center for Housing and Community Studies (CHCS) and Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC), with the goal of reducing evictions, keeping households stably housed, and providing needed legal and mediation services. The TEAM Project submitted a proposal to expand their services to two extra days in the Guilford County small claims court to assist more tenants with pending evictions. Rental and utility assistance will be available to prevent homelessness.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Greensboro, like many cities across the United States, has faced challenges related to eviction rates, particularly as housing costs rise and the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic persists. With one of the highest eviction rates in the nation, City of Greensboro will support the existing TEAM Project with expansion by adding staff to provide legal and mediation services, and dedicated financial assistance to prevent homelessness.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Nussbaum Housing Partnership (NHP) funds in the amount of \$315,000 will be used to fund the recommended contract.

*Vision Statement: "A Community with Endless Economic Opportunities and Exceptional Quality of Life."*

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

211-21-2108003.5931

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute contract documents for services.