



Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Committee Members

Mike Laster (Chair)
Jerry Davis
David W. Robinson
Richard Nguyen

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Larry Green
Ed Gonzalez
Dwight A. Boykins

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:00 AM
City Hall Chambers

Call to Order/Welcome Remarks - Council Member Mike Laster, Chair

I. Public Service

For review and possible authorization:

- a. SEARCH Resource Center (All Districts) – An Ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services for \$133,618 in CDBG funds for the SEARCH Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program
- b. Healthcare for the Homeless Houston (All District D) – An Ordinance authorizing a contract for \$144,546 in CDBG funds to Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston for the Project Access program
- c. H.E.A.R.T. Program (District H) – An Ordinance authorizing a contract for \$200,000 in CDBG funds to Educational Programs Inspiring Communities for the H.E.A.R.T. program.
- d. Houston Help Inc. (District D) – An Ordinance authorizing the use of \$324,416 in federal HOPWA funds for a first contract amendment between the City of Houston and Houston Help Inc. for administration and operation of a HOPWA community residence with supportive services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS

Presentation:

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Melody Barr, Administration Manager

II. Special Projects

For review and possible authorization:

- a. Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects Home Repair Program (All Districts) – An Ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects for home repair services

Presentation:

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Stephen Skeete, Division Manager

III. Multifamily

For review and possible authorization:

- a. Corinthian Pointe Senior Living Corporation (District D) – An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and Corinthian Pointe Senior Living Corporation to permit a loan from CBRE HMF, Inc., which will refinance existing debt on the Corinthian Village Apartments

Presentation

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Joel North, Deputy Director

IV. Disaster Recovery Round II

For review and possible authorization:

- a. Non-Housing Grant Amendment – (District B, D, and H) An Amendment of Ordinance 2014-0881 to replace the draft of the Texas General Land Office Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant Agreement with an executable version which includes an extension of the termination date of the Grant Agreement

Presentation

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Stedman Grisby, Division Manager

V. Grants Management

For review and possible authorization:

- a. Amendments Adding Acquisition to CDBG Budgets (All Districts) – An Ordinance authorizing “Substantial Amendments” totaling \$2,700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds under the Projected Use of Funds Budgets for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Actions Plans

Presentation

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Veronica Chapa, Deputy Director

VI. Public Facilities

For review and possible authorization:

- a. Village Learning Center, Inc. (District E) – An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and Village Learning Center, Inc., providing \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to acquire the building at 3838 Plum Valley Drive, where the Village Learning Center will expand its current programs for individuals with disabilities
- b. Dowling Street Reconstruction (District D) – An Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority providing \$2,200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the reconstruction of Dowling Street, from Elgin to Dennis
- c. The Beacon Day Center (District I) – An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and The Beacon, proving \$817,275 to rehabilitate its Day Center at 1212 Prairie Street to more efficiently serve clients and buffer the center from Downtown sidewalk traffic
- d. Houston ISD Spark Park (District C, D, H) – An Ordinance amending a Contract among the Houston Independent School District (HISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate an additional \$360,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program
- e. Fort Bend ISD Spark Park (District K) – An Ordinance authorizing a Contract among the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate an additional \$90,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program

Presentation:

- Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Ana Patino-Martinez, Division Manager

II. Public Comments

Action may be taken on any or all of the above items.

Committee meetings are open to the public.

For information about this committee, contact Jonny Flores 832.393.3015.

III. Director's Comments

Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development Department

I.A.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

14 - SEARCH

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services for \$133,618 in CDBG funds for the SEARCH Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program	Category	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 1/7/14	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council Districts affected: All
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For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: (832) 394-6261	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services for \$133,618 in CDBG funds for the SEARCH Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program

Amount of Funding: \$133,618	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services (SEARCH) for \$133,618 in CDBG funds to finance the administration and operation of the Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program.

SEARCH has become a leading homeless services provider in our community, serving more than 10,000 men, women, and children each year. The agency provides intensive case management services to 800 unduplicated clients. On-site service providers and case managers help clients obtain long-term financial assistance through mainstream entitlements such as social security and veterans' benefits. The Mobile Outreach Program performs street outreach and responds to difficult situations that emerge relating to the street homeless population. Other services include substance abuse counseling, HIV education and testing, job training, and transportation to appointments. HCDD will be funding 35% of this program's total budget.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percentage
Administration	\$6,294	5%
Program Services	\$127,324	95%
Total	\$133,618	100%

Recently, HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG service providers. SEARCH was one of the providers selected. The RFP was for this program year. This contract provides funding from February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016. SEARCH has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston for various contracts since 2000.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

NR:EP:MB:MR

cc: City Secretary
Legal Department
Finance Department
Mayor's Office

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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I.O.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1/8/15 HHH - Project Access

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a contract for \$144,546 in CDBG funds to Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston for the Project Access program		Category	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #												
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Amount of Funding: \$144,546.00			Finance Budget:													
SOURCE OF FUNDING: [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)																
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:																
<p>The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (HHH) to operate the Project Access homeless transportation program.</p> <p>Project Access provides transportation services Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 52 weeks a year, enabling homeless persons to access essential health and social service resources. A 40-passenger, wheelchair accessible bus travels a scheduled route with stops at 21 homeless services providers. The funding will provide transportation for a minimum of 4,239 unduplicated homeless persons, totaling more than 43,983 trips annually. Project Access averages 182 rides daily.</p> <p>Recently, HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG service providers. Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston was one of the providers selected. The RFP was for this program year. This contract provides funding from March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016. HHH has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston for various contracts since 2003.</p>																
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I.C.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1/7/15 Educational Programs

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a contract for \$200,000 in CDBG funds to Educational Programs Inspiring Communities for the H.E.A.R.T. program		Category	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 1/7/15	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District affected: District H		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: (832) 394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:		

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a contract for \$200,000 in CDBG funds to Educational Programs Inspiring Communities for the H.E.A.R.T. program

Amount of Funding: \$200,000.00	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and Educational Programs Inspiring Communities for the H.E.A.R.T. job training program for developmentally disabled adults.

H.E.A.R.T. will provide special education, job training, transportation, and supportive services to 44 low-to-moderate income adults, diagnosed with developmental disabilities. The CDBG funds will support a special education certified teacher, job training instructors, program manager, training facility, and administration costs of the program. By participating in the H.E.A.R.T. training program, participants will receive a customized training curriculum consisting of life skills, social skills, job readiness, hands-on training, on-the-job training, classroom training, and community-based vocational instruction.

Category	Contract Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	\$28,530.69	14.0%
Program Services	\$171,469.31	86.0%
Total	\$200,000.00	100.0%

Recently, HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG service providers. Educational Programs Inspiring Communities was one of the providers selected. This RFP was for this program year. This contract provides funding from March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016. The H.E.A.R.T. program has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston since 2005.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

NR:EP:MB:MR

cc: City Secretary
Legal Department
Finance Department
Mayor's Office

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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I. d.

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing the use of \$324,416 in federal HOPWA funds for a first contract amendment between the City of Houston and Houston Help Inc. for administration and operation of a HOPWA community residence with supportive services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 1/6/15		Agenda Date
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District(s) affected: D		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 2014-0149		

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the use of \$324,416 in federal HOPWA funds for a first contract amendment between the City of Houston and Houston Help Inc. for administration and operation of a HOPWA community residence with supportive services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS

Amount of Funding: \$324,416	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a first contract amendment between the City of Houston and Houston Help Inc. to finance the administration and operation of a HOPWA community residence with supportive services.

The City will grant Houston Help \$324,416 to operate a 50-unit community residence for 50 HOPWA-eligible households, and provide permanent housing and supportive services for persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Supportive services include case management, child care, and life skills training. Operating costs will include property management, utilities, property insurance, and other costs. HOPWA funds are providing 40% of the cost of this program.

Category	Total Contract Services	Percent
Administrative	\$5,562	1.71%
Supportive Services	\$118,204	36.44%
Operating Costs	\$200,650	61.85%
Total	\$324,416	100%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for fiscal year 2014 for HOPWA contracts, with a one-year renewal at the City's option. Houston Help Inc. was one of the providers selected. This first contract amendment provides funding for the one-year renewal period. The renewal period is from March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016.

Houston Help Inc. began receiving HOPWA funds through the City in 1998.

The Housing and Community Affairs Committee reviewed this item on January 20, 2015.

NR:EP:MNB:RLJ

cc: Legal Department
Mayor's Office
City Secretary
Finance Department

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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SUBJECT: An Ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects for home repair services

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FROM:
Neal Rackleff, Director
Housing and Community Development Department

Origination Date 12/8/2014	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

Council District(s) affected:
All

For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon, 832-394-6261

Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of a contract between the City of Houston and Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects for home repair services in the amount of \$250,000 from TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409

Amount of Funding:	\$250,000.00	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING General Fund Grant Fund Other

TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) requests City Council approve an Ordinance appropriating up to \$250,000 from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects to carry out the delegated responsibilities under the HCDD Minor Critical Emergency Home Repair Program (MCEHRP).

On August 14, 2014, an open RFP was issued for proposals from eligible home repair agencies to assist households that (1) do not meet the guidelines of either the standard Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Single Family Home Repair Program or the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program, or (2) have exceeded HCDD's capacity limitations. Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects was the only qualified respondent.

The program goal is to assist up to 37 households of elderly and/or disabled with incomes below 110% of the Area Median Income (AMI) by providing roof repairs or replacement, and repairs to vital interior systems (plumbing, electrical and heating) to alleviate life, health, or safety hazards. Fort Bend Community Revitalization Projects will evaluate applicants from a HCDD-approved list to assist those who meet the household income standard (below 110% AMI) under the HCDD Minor Critical Emergency Home Repair Program.

Category	Total Contract Services	Percent
Administrative	\$25,000.00	10%
Change Order Set-aside	\$25,000.00	10%
Operating Cost	\$200,000.00	80%
Total	\$250,000.00	100%

Eligible properties must be owned and occupied by an eligible applicant and located within the City of Houston's jurisdictional boundaries, including areas within Fort Bend County that are subject to pay City of Houston property taxes. This contract covers properties outside the service area of Rebuilding Together Houston.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

NR:ST:SS
Cc: City Secretary
Legal Department
Finance Department
Mayor's Office

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Department:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:
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III.a.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

15 - Corinthian

SUBJECT: An ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and Corinthian Pointe Senior Living Corporation to permit a loan from CBRE HMF, Inc., which will refinance existing debt on the Corinthian Village Apartments		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 1/8/15	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District affected: District D		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 12/5/07 2007-1341		
RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and Corinthian Pointe Senior Living Corporation to permit a senior loan from CBRE HMF, Inc., which will refinance existing debt on the Corinthian Village Apartments				
Amount of Funding: No additional funding			Finance Budget:	
SOURCE OF FUNDING <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Fund HOME Funds				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: On 12/05/07 City Council approved a Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and Corinthian Pointe Senior Living Corporation, a 501(c) 3, non-profit corporation (Borrower) to provide a Performance Based Loan in the amount of \$3,375,670. The loan was funded under the HOME Program to provide a portion of the funds to assist in the development of Corinthian Village Apartments, a 124-unit apartment community for low and very low income seniors, located at 6105 W. Orem Drive, approximately two miles south of Loop 610 in southwest Houston (Community). The construction of the Community is now complete and the current senior loan matures in February, 2015. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) requests that Council approve an amendment to the Loan Agreement (First Amendment to Loan Agreement) which will (i) increase the maximum amount of the senior loan from \$6,474,500 to \$7,760,000, and (ii) authorize a new loan (New Loan) from CBRE HMF, Inc. and a Subordination Agreement among the City of Houston, CBRE HMF, Inc., and Borrower. The New Loan, which will be insured under HUD's Section 223(f) program, will refinance loans from Trustmark Bank, the current senior lender, and The United Methodist Foundation of the Texas Annual Conference, the current junior lender, and will pay the outstanding ad valorem taxes, which are currently due and payable, and those which are the subject of a payment plan established in the settlement of tax protests filed against the 2010 and 2011 tax valuation. The new loan is a 35-year loan with a fixed 3.57% plus a 0.60% Mortgage Insurance Premium (for the HUD insurance) for an effective 4.17% interest rate. No proceeds will go to the Borrower or its owners. The Department recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Loan Agreement and the New Subordination Agreement to refinance the Senior Lien debt on the Corinthian Village Apartments.				
NR:EP:JR				
cc: City Secretary, Finance Department, Legal Department, Mayor's Office				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Department:		Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:

SUBJECT: An Amendment of Ordinance 2014-0881 to replace the draft of the Texas General Land Office Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant Agreement with an executable version which includes an extension of the termination date of the Grant Agreement	Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 01/14/15	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council District affected: District B, D and H
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For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: Ordinance 2014-0291, April 9, 2014; Ordinance 2014-0881, Sept. 24, 2014
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Amendment to Ordinance 2014-0881 to replace the draft of the Grant Agreement with an executable version which includes an extension of the termination date of the Grant Agreement

Amount of Funding: <p style="text-align: center;">None</p>	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund

No Funding Required

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

On September 24, 2014, City Council approved Ordinance 2014-0881 to authorize an amendment to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Round 2.2 Grant Agreement (subject of Ordinance 2014-0291) to include new infrastructure projects. The approval authorized the Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) to submit an amended application to the GLO to increase the amount of Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Round 2.2 funding by \$14,162,986 (for a total of \$26,148,986) for these new infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Mayor was authorized to execute the amended Grant Agreement.

The GLO's process entails the GLO providing applicants with a draft Grant Agreement for initial approval, with a final, executable version to be provided after submission of the application. HCDD submitted the application to the GLO as authorized, but the final, executable version of the Grant Agreement produced by GLO's contract administration group is cosmetically different from the draft agreement which was attached to the Ordinance approved by City Council on September 24, 2014. The final version also included an unexpected benefit of an eleven (11) month extension of the termination date of the Grant Agreement to May 31, 2017, allowing more time to complete the contemplated projects. Therefore, HCDD is requesting that City Council accept this final version of the Grant Agreement and authorize its execution.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on June 17, 2014 and January 20, 2015.

NR: JN: EP: SG

Cc: City Secretary
Finance Department
Legal Department
Mayor's Office

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		
Finance Department:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:

V.A.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing "Substantial Amendments" totaling \$2,700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds under the Projected Use of Funds Budgets for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Action Plans	Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 11/12/14	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council District affected: All
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For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing "Substantial Amendments" totaling \$2,700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds under the Projected Use of Funds Budgets for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Action Plans

Amount of Funding: NO FUNDING REQUIRED	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund

Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

In accordance with HUD's Citizen's Participation Plan (CPP) regulations, the City is required to amend components of its Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for a variety of reasons, including when a reallocation of funds increases or decreases the budget of an activity by more than 25% of the original budget and when a new activity is added.

The Housing and Community Development Department requests approval of "Substantial Amendments" totaling \$2,700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds under the Projected Use of Funds Budgets for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Action Plans. The "Substantial Amendments" are necessary to add and provide funding for the new Acquisition activity. The following Amendments are proposed:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Decrease/Delete</u>	<u>Increase/Add</u>
The 2007 CDBG Budget is amended as follows		
Economic Development	(\$16,889.82)	
Acquisition		\$16,889.82
The 2011 CDBG Budget is amended as follows		
Economic Development	(\$4,032.22)	
Acquisition		\$4,032.22
The 2012 CDBG Budget is amended as follows		
Economic Development	(\$2,627,722.62)	
Acquisition		\$2,627,722.62
The 2013 CDBG Budget is amended as follows		
Economic Development	(<u>\$51,355.34</u>)	
Acquisition		<u>\$51,355.34</u>
Total:	(\$2,700,000.00)	\$2,700,000.00

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

NR:VC:BS:DS

Cc: City Secretary
 Legal Department
 Finance Department
 Mayor's Office

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		
Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:

IV. a.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and Village Learning Center, Inc., providing \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to acquire the building at 3838 Plum Valley Drive, where the Village Learning Center will expand its current programs for individuals with disabilities		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 12/1/2014	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District affected: District E		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: None		
RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and Village Learning Center, Inc., providing \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to acquire the building at 3838 Plum Valley Drive, where the Village Learning Center will expand its current programs for individuals with disabilities				
Amount of Funding: <p style="text-align: center;">\$3,000,000.00</p>			Finance Budget:	
SOURCE OF FUNDING: <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Fund <p style="text-align: center;">Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000)</p>				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:				
<p>The Housing and Community Development Department requests Council approve a Contract between the City and Village Learning Center, Inc., providing \$3,000,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase a 16,000-square-foot building at 3838 Plum Valley Drive.</p> <p>The Village Learning Center, a 14-year-old non-profit organization delivering services to individuals with disabilities, provides its 173 clients with stimulating activities, one-on-one interaction and personal contact, excellent programming, and life-skills training. The new facility will allow Village Learning Center to expand its programs to serve an additional 150 individuals daily. These programs are specialized for individuals with diagnoses such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, severe learning challenges, head injuries, and others who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p> <p>This facility will enable expansion of the day habilitation, vocational education/training, and speech therapy activities. The additional space will also provide recreational opportunities and the space needed to become an emergency shelter in times of crisis for those with special needs.</p>				
NR: APM: AS				
Cc: City Attorney Mayor's Office City Secretary Finance Department				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Department Director:		Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:

III. D.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority providing \$2,200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the reconstruction of Dowling Street, from Elgin to Dennis		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District affected: District D		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: None		
RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority providing \$2,200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the reconstruction of Dowling Street, from Elgin to Dennis				
Amount of Funding: <p style="text-align: center;">\$2,200,000.00</p>			Finance Budget:	
SOURCE OF FUNDING: [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund <p style="text-align: center;">Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000)</p>				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:				
<p>The Housing and Community Development Department requests Council approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority providing \$2,200,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Funding will be used for the reconstruction of Dowling Street, from Elgin to Dennis. The total budget for the reconstruction is approximately \$3,000,000, of which \$800,000 will be funded by the OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority.</p> <p>The Dowling Street Reconstruction Project is located in the Third Ward neighborhood. This project will provide several benefits to this community, including improved mobility for vehicles, and wider sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps for pedestrians. The project is also expected to stimulate the community's local economy by attracting new businesses to the area.</p> <p>The proposed improvements will include the reconstruction of Dowling Street, from Elgin to Dennis (approximately 1,415 feet in length), as well as the installation of storm water pollution prevention lines from Dennis to McGowen, the construction of reinforced concrete curb and gutter pavements, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, driveways, utility lines, and landscaping.</p> <p>This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.</p>				
NR: ST: APM				
Cc: City Attorney Mayor's Office City Secretary Finance Department				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Department Director:		Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:

VII.C.

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and The Beacon, providing \$817,275 to rehabilitate its Day Center at 1212 Prairie Street to more efficiently serve clients and buffer the center from Downtown sidewalk traffic		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 01/06/15	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District affected: District I		
For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: None		
RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and The Beacon, providing \$817,275 to rehabilitate its Day Center at 1212 Prairie Street to more efficiently serve clients and buffer the center from Downtown sidewalk traffic				
Amount of Funding:	\$632,700 Community Development Block Grant Funds	Finance Budget:		
	\$184,575 Homeless Housing Bond Funds			
SOURCE OF FUNDING: [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund [X] Other				
Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000) and Homeless Housing Bond Funds				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:				
<p>The Beacon, a 501(c)3 organization established by Christ Church Cathedral, provides food, hygiene services, and case management to the homeless in the Greater Houston Area. Its mission is to provide services that restore dignity, self-respect and hope to Houston's poor and homeless.</p> <p>As the front door into Houston's critically important coordinated access program for homeless services, The Beacon Day Center serves 600-800 clients per day. This high number taxes the facility, which was built in 2007, and creates concern from Downtown residents and businesses dealing with the large number of homeless persons spilling on the sidewalk as they await services. The improvements are intended to ameliorate some of these concerns.</p> <p>The Housing and Community Development Department requests Council approve a Contract between the City and The Beacon, providing \$632,700 in CDBG funds and \$184,575 in Homeless Housing Bond funds (\$817,275 total), to enable capital improvements to the Day Center. Exterior improvements will include landscape enhancements, security cameras and the repair and cleaning of fences and sidewalks around the building. On the interior, bathroom facilities will be added and the kitchen will be expanded.</p> <p>These renovations will allow The Beacon to better serve its homeless clients, moving them more efficiently and privately through the system, while also decreasing conflicts between the clients and Downtown businesses and residents. Once inside the facility, clients will stay within the buffered and gated perimeter until their services are completed, no longer spilling out onto the sidewalks of the surrounding block.</p> <p>This item was reviewed by the Housing and Public Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.</p>				
NR: ST: APM: SB				
cc: City Attorney Mayor's Office City Secretary Finance Department				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Department Director:	Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:	

TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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III.d.

SUBJECT: An Ordinance amending a Contract among the Houston Independent School District (HISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate an additional \$360,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program	Category #	Page 1 of 2	Agenda Item #
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FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 10/28/14	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council Districts affected: C,H, and D
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For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 01/15/04- Ord No. 2014-0079
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance amending a Contract among the Houston Independent School District (HISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate an additional \$360,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program

Amount of Funding: <p style="text-align: center;">\$360,000.00</p>	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund
Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:
The Housing and Community Development Department requests City Council approve an Amendment to a Contract among the Houston Independent School District (HISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate an additional \$360,000 of federal CDBG funds for the SPARK Park Program. This agreement will provide funding for the renovation of neighborhood school parks on public school grounds.

All SPARK parks will be located in low-income areas. The grant will fund renovation activities at the following parks:

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Scope of Work Activities</u>	<u>CDBG Funding</u>	<u>District</u>
Clifton Middle School 6001 Golden Forest - 77092	Development of an outdoor classroom and fitness equipment	\$90,000	C
Looscan Elementary 3800 Robertson - 77009	Soccer goals, picnic tables, play equipment, benches, construct a walking trail	\$90,000	H
Lockhart Elementary 3200 Rosedale - 77004	Construct a soccer field, install benches and goals, walking trail and trees	\$90,000	D
Hartsfield Elementary 5001 Perry Street - 77021	Construct a mini track, install play equipment, asphalt walking trail with concrete border, benches, picnic tables and concrete seating area	\$90,000	H

In addition to CDBG funds, each school will receive \$5,000 from the School District, \$5,000 from the School, and \$5,000 from the SPARK Program for the aforementioned renovation activities at the school parks.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

Cc: City Attorney
Mayor's Office
City Secretary
Finance Department

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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III.e.

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a Contract among the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate \$90,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program	Category #	Page 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 10/28/14	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council Districts affected: K
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For additional information contact: Stephen Tinnermon Phone: 832-394-6261	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: N/A
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Contract among the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate \$90,000 in federal CDBG funding for the community SPARK Parks Program

Amount of Funding: \$90,000.00	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund Grant Fund Enterprise Fund
Community Development Block Grant (Fund 5000)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department requests City Council approval of a funding Contract among the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD), SPARK School Park Program, and the City of Houston to allocate \$90,000 of federal CDBG funds for the SPARK Park Program. This agreement will provide funding for the renovation of a neighborhood school park on public school grounds.

The grant will fund the specified renovation activities at the following park, which is located in a low-income area:

<u>School</u>	<u>Renovation Activities</u>	<u>CDBG Funding</u>	<u>District</u>
Ridgemont Elementary 4910 Raven Ridge Drive - 77053	Development of sidewalks, outdoor classroom, seating area, benches and trees	\$90,000	K

In addition to CDBG funds, Ridgemont Elementary will contribute \$5,000 to the park and will receive \$5,000 each from the school district and the SPARK Program..

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 20, 2015.

Cc: City Attorney
Mayor's Office
City Secretary
Finance Department

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