



Housing and Community Affairs Committee

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AGENDA

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 9:00 AM
City Hall Council Chambers

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

I. Single-Family

- a) Blue Tarp Program Contract Extension – (All Districts) An Ordinance appropriating \$4,000,000 from TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and amending the contract between the City of Houston and Rebuilding Together Houston to increase the contract amount by \$4,000,000.

Presentation:

- Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Stephen Skeete, Division Manager

II. Public Services

- a) SEARCH Homeless Services – A First Amendment extending the time of performance for a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services providing \$133,883 in General Funds for the operation of a homeless services program.

Presentation:

- Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Melody Barr, Deputy Assistant Director

III. Public Comments

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

Committee meetings are open to the public.

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IV. Director's Comments

Tom McCasland, Director, Housing and Community Development Department

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: An Ordinance appropriating \$4,000,000 from TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and amending the contract between the City of Houston and Rebuilding Together Houston to increase the contract amount by \$4,000,000		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item # I.a.
FROM: Tom McCasland, Director Housing and Community Development Department		Origination Date 5/23/2017	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		Council District(s) affected: All		
For additional information contact: Roxanne Lawson Phone: 832-394-6307		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: #2016-298 (O) 4/13/2016; # 2016-0679 (O) 9/7/16; #2017-11 (O) 1/3/17		
RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance appropriating \$4,000,000 from TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and amending the contract between the City of Houston and Rebuilding Together Houston to increase the contract amount by \$4,000,000				
Amount of Funding: <p style="text-align: center;">\$4,000,000.00</p>			Finance Budget:	
SOURCE OF FUNDING <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other				
Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Fund 2409				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:				
<p>The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) requests City Council approval of a third amendment to the contract between the City and Rebuilding Together Houston (RTH) increasing the contract amount by \$4,000,000 to make roof repairs and other vital home repairs.</p> <p>To address the urgent need to provide repairs to homes in life threatening conditions, the amendment also increases the per-unit cap on home repairs to \$65,000. However, any repairs over \$10,000 will continue to need the Director's approval. Non-roof home repairs above \$10,000 and \$30,000 will require a 5-year and 10-year affordability period, respectively.</p> <p>Council approved the original contract with Rebuilding Together Houston on April 13, 2016. This contract provided \$2,000,000 for minor critical emergency home repairs including roofing, plumbing, electrical, and heating repairs. On September 7, 2016, Council approved a first contract amendment focusing the program on repairing storm-damaged roofs covered with tarps (the Blue Tarp Program). On January 3, 2017, Council approved a second contract amendment increasing the contract amount to \$4,000,000.</p> <p>As of June 8, 2017, HCDD has received 1,450 applications for roof repairs and has approved 541 applications. HCDD anticipates approving and funding more than 700 roofs by the end of August 2017. Rebuilding Together Houston has already replaced 358 storm damaged roofs at an average cost of \$7,455.83 and completed 50 critical system repairs (including minor roof, foundation, electrical, heating and air conditioning repairs) at an average cost of \$4,798.39.</p> <p>This appropriation will allow the City and Rebuilding Together Houston to continue providing vital home repairs (to address life, health or safety hazards) and roof repairs to eligible residences.</p> <p>This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on June 20, 2017.</p> <p>TM: YT: SS</p> <p>CC: Mayor's Office City Secretary Finance Legal</p>				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Department:		Other Authorization:		Other Authorization:

TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

17- SEARCH

SUBJECT: A First Amendment extending the time of performance for a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services providing \$133,883 in General Funds for the operation of a homeless services program		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item # II.a.
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FROM: Tom McCasland, Director Housing and Community Development Department	Origination Date 6/2/17	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR’S SIGNATURE:	Council Districts affected: All
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For additional information contact: Roxanne Lawson Phone: (832) 394-6307	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: 8/2/2016 (O) 2016-0603
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of a First Amendment extending the time of performance for a contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services providing \$133,883 in General Funds for the operation of a homeless services program

Amount of Funding: \$133,883	Finance Budget:
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SOURCE OF FUNDING **General Fund** **Grant Fund** **Enterprise Fund**

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a First Amendment extending the time of performance of the contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH Homeless Services, and increasing funding for the operational costs of its Engagement Services Program. The program, which provides emergency assistance to Houston’s homeless population living on the streets, will receive an additional \$133,883 in General Funds and the SEARCH contract will be extended by 12 months.

The increased funding and contract extension will enable SEARCH to provide services to 475 individuals, including outreach and stabilization to 175 homeless individuals and essential services in its Care Hub to 300 homeless individuals. SEARCH’s essential services include information and referral, bus passes, lunches, clothing, blankets, hygiene supplies, computer access to obtain work and communicate. Other services provided by SEARCH include referring homeless individuals for employment, substance abuse counseling, HIV education and testing, and medical and dental assistance. General Funds are used to leverage other grants and provide a comprehensive service package. Most of these activities are not eligible for federal dollars under US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program regulations.

Category	Total Contract Services	Percent
Administrative	-	0%
Program Services	\$133,883	100%
Total	\$133,883	100%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for program year 2017. SEARCH Homeless Services was one of the providers selected. The term of the contract will be August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2018. SEARCH Homeless Services has received various funding through the City of Houston since 2000.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on June 20, 2017.

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

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		
Finance Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization: