



# Quality of Life Committee

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Michael Nichols, Director



CITY OF HOUSTON \* HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



# Agenda

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Public Services: ESG/CDBG/HOPWA Funding
- III. Citywide Homelessness Initiatives
- IV. Director's Comments
- V. Public Comments

# **II. PUBLIC SERVICES**

Melody Barr, Assistant Director

## II.a. Harris County Housing & Community Development, (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Harris County, Texas,

Providing up to an additional \$143,750.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

To continue providing services through its Housing & Community Development Department (HCHCD).



## II.a. Harris County Housing & Community Development, (All Districts)

HCHCD will provide case management and homelessness prevention services to approximately 25 additional households at-risk of homelessness.

Support Services include connections to job skills programs and tenant education to support housing stability.

## II.a. Harris County Housing & Community Development, (All Districts)

HCHCD was selected by Child Care Council (CCC) of Greater Houston, Inc. as a service provider while serving as administrator of the Homeless Services Program (HSP).

To avoid a gap in homeless response system services, the City selected HCHCD from the existing HSP providers to continue operations.

The original Agreement term began June 24, 2024.

## II.a. Harris County Housing & Community Development, (All Districts)

CATEGORY	ESG	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program Services	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	86.96%
Administration	\$0.00	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	13.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,750.00</b>	<b>\$143,750.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

As of December 2024, HCHCD has expended 60% of their funding and served 68% of their client goal.

No findings were reported by Compliance and Monitoring during the 2024 monitoring period.

This First Amendment adds additional funding and extends the term through June 30, 2026.

## II.b. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Third Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and The Salvation Army (TSA),

Extending the term of the Agreement and providing \$334,689.86 in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding,

To provide diversion, homeless prevention, and other homeless-related services to 775 additional households experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.



## II.b. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston (All Districts)

Diversion services help clients identify immediate alternative housing arrangements to avoid emergency shelter or unsheltered living.

Diversion activities include flexible financial assistance, family mediation, as well as counseling services. Homelessness prevention activities include assistance with short-term rent and utility payments.

TSA will also provide emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

## II.b. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston (All Districts)

The Way Home, a collaboration between the City of Houston, Harris County, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County, developed the Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) to respond to COVID-19's impacts on the homeless.

For CCHP Phase 2, a joint Request for Expression of Interest from qualified agencies was released in March, 2022 by the Coalition. TSA was selected to receive funding for Diversion services.

This Third Amendment will provide funding through January 31, 2026.

## II.b. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston (All Districts)

CATEGORY	CDBG	ESG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$0.00	\$291,034.66	\$291,034.66	86.96%
Administration	\$43,655.20	\$0.00	\$43,655.20	13.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,655.20</b>	<b>\$291,034.66</b>	<b>\$334,689.86</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The initial Agreement term was October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and extended through September 30, 2024, then amended through January 31, 2025, and administratively extended through March 31, 2025.

As of November 2024, TSA achieved 157.11% of its goal and expended approximately 82.31% of funding.

## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC),

Providing \$944,657.15 in Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

For the continuation of services previously funded through the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP).

## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

HCDVCC's activities include:

- Emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence;
- Rapid rehousing for families experiencing homelessness;
- Assistance with short-term rent and utility payments to prevent eviction or termination of services; and
- Assistance in obtaining other services and benefits.

## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

HCDVCC will administratively support nonprofit domestic violence providers serving 228 households who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking.

Administrative services will include processing reimbursement requests, monitoring performance and compliance with applicable regulations, and providing technical assistance and training.

## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

HCD conducted a Notice of Funding Availability for Homeless Services Program administrative services in August 2020. Child Care Council (CCC) was selected as the Administrative Services Agency.

CCC's Agreement to operate as the HSP administrator will **not** be renewed and will expire on March 31, 2024.

To avoid a gap in services, the City selected HCDVCC, to operate as an administrator for DV agencies providing homeless and homelessness prevention services.

## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

The initial Agreement was from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

This First Amendment will provide funding through March 31, 2026.

HCDVCC was selected due to its history working with Houston's Homeless system, the City of Houston, and providers of services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.



## II.c. Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (All Districts)

CATEGORY	CDBG	ESG	TOTAL	%
Program	\$0.00	\$821,441.00	\$821,441.00	86.96%
Administration	\$123,216.15	\$0.00	\$123,216.15	13.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$123,216.15</b>	<b>\$821,441.00</b>	<b>\$944,657.15</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

As of November 2024, HCDVCC has achieved 93.60% of its goal and expended 50.91% of funding.

The agency received funding from the City in 2022 and there were no findings issued for that program.

## II.d. Catholic Charities Rapid Rehousing & HSP (District C)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (Catholic Charities),

Providing up to and additional \$264,705.00 of ESG and CDBG funding,

For the continuation of Rapid Rehousing & Homelessness Services Program.

## II.d. Catholic Charities Rapid Rehousing & HSP (District C)

Catholic Charities will provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services to 70 households at-risk of, or, experiencing homelessness.

Services include tenant-based rental assistance and utility payments; assistance obtaining permanent housing; and case management for services and benefits.

## II.d. Catholic Charities Rapid Rehousing & HSP (District C)

Catholic Charities was initially selected by Child Care Council, Inc. (CCC), HCD's administrator of the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP), as a service provider.

CCC's Agreement to operate as the HSP administrator was renewed and expired as of March 31, 2024.

To avoid a gap in homeless response system services, HCD has now selected Catholic Charities from existing HSP providers to continue operations.

## II.d. Catholic Charities Rapid Rehousing & HSP (District C)

Catholic Charities has provided services to the City since 2003.

The initial Agreement term was from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025, and included the option to renew for up to an additional one-year period at the City’s discretion.

## II.d. Catholic Charities Rapid Rehousing & HSP (District C)

CATEGORY	CDBG	ESG (HP & RRH)	TOTAL	%
Program	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	85.00
Administration	\$39,705.00	\$0.00	\$39,705.00	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,705.00</b>	<b>\$225,000.00</b>	<b>\$264,705.00</b>	<b>100</b>

This First Amendment will provide funding through March 31, 2026.

There were no findings in the agency's most recent compliance monitoring review.

## II.e. Covenant House, Texas (First Amendment) (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Houston (City) and Covenant House Texas,

To extend the term of the Agreement and provide up to \$341,541.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Homeless Housing and Services Program – Youth (HHSP-Y) funds, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

For the continuation of a Homeless Services program.

## II.e. Covenant House, Texas (First Amendment) (All Districts)

Covenant House Texas will provide emergency shelter for individual youth, case management, and essential services to 80 unaccompanied, homeless young adults ages 18 to 24.

Covenant House Texas was selected by Child Care Council, Inc. (CCC) as a service provider while CCC was serving as administrator of the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP).

To avoid a gap in services, the City selected Covenant House Texas from the existing HSP providers to continue operations.



## II.e. Covenant House, Texas (First Amendment) (All Districts)

CATEGORY	ESG	HHSP-Y	CDBG	TOTAL	%
Program	\$175,000.00	\$140,291.00	\$0.00	\$315,291.00	92.31%
Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00	7.69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>	<b>\$140,291.00</b>	<b>\$26,250.00</b>	<b>\$341,541.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The initial Agreement period was from April 8, 2024, to March 31, 2025. This First Amendment will extend the Agreement to March 31, 2026.

As of November 2024, Covenant House Texas has met 108% of its client goal and utilized approximately 89% of its total funds.

There were no findings during their most recent annual compliance monitoring review.

## II.f. The Coalition HMIS (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (the Coalition),

Providing an additional \$87,330.00 of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds and \$66,005.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds,

For the operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), used to track services received by homeless individuals.

## II.f. The Coalition HMIS (All Districts)

The HMIS records individual client data, including the types of services needed by the homeless.

The U.S. Congress request information fiscal responsibility, who the homeless are as a group and program outcomes.

All agencies receiving federal funds for homeless services are required to participate in the HMIS.

The City is funding The Way Home, to comply with this data collection and reporting requirement.

## II.f. The Coalition HMIS (All Districts)

Participation in the HMIS enables HCD to track those receiving assistance through the ESG and HOPWA Programs, reduces duplication of services, and minimizes errors in data reporting.

HUD requires ESG/HOPWA grantees to participate in the HMIS to improve coordination and to enhance beneficiary access to other homeless services.

## II.f. The Coalition HMIS (All Districts)

This First Amendment will extend the current agreement term by an additional 12 months. The revised term will be from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026.

The Coalition began receiving funding for HMIS operations through the City in 2012.

As of November 2024, the Coalition has operated and maintained the HMIS for The Way Home expending over 62% of their allocated funding.

## II.f. The Coalition HMIS (All Districts)

Category	ESG	HOPWA	Total	Percent
Program	\$87,330.00	\$61,385.00	\$148,715.00	96.5%
Administrative	\$0.00	\$4,620.00	\$4,620.00	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,330.00</b>	<b>\$66,005.00</b>	<b>\$153,335.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

No Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was performed as the agency is a sole-source provider being the designated Lead Agency for The Way Home.

There were no findings on the most recent annual compliance monitoring.

## II.g. SEARCH Homeless Services (District I)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and SEARCH Homeless Services,

Providing up to \$376,669.00 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

For rapid re-housing case management to a minimum of one hundred (100) households.

## II.g. SEARCH Homeless Services (District I)

SEARCH Homeless Services will provide housing stability case management and navigation services to homeless households placed into permanent housing through The Way Home.

Case Managers will ensure housing stability, resolve landlord-tenant conflicts, and assist with linkages to additional services throughout the household's duration in the program.



## II.g. SEARCH Homeless Services (District I)

SEARCH Homeless Services was selected by Child Care Council, Inc. to provide rapid re-housing case management services while serving as administrator of the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP).

To avoid a gap in homeless response system services, the City selected SEARCH Homeless Services from the existing rapid re-housing case management providers to continue operations.

## II.e. SEARCH Homeless Services (District I)

The initial agreement period was from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and was administratively extended to February 28, 2025.

This First Amendment will extend the term and provide funding through December 31, 2025.

SEARCH has received funding from the City of Houston since 1996.

## II.e. SEARCH Homeless Services (District I)

CATEGORY	ESG	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Services	\$327,538.00	\$0.00	\$327,538.00	86.97%
Admin	\$0.00	\$49,131.00	\$49,131.00	13.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$327,538.00</b>	<b>\$49,131.00</b>	<b>\$376,669.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

As of November 2024, SEARCH has met 96% of their goal and utilized approximately 93% of its total funds.

There were no findings during their most recent annual compliance monitoring review.

# **III. Director's Comments**

Michael Nichols, Director

# Director's Comments

## Discussion on Homelessness in Houston

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The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County

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# Public Comments