

## Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing a Second Amendment to the Master Contractor Agreement (MCA) for HCDD's New Home Development Program (NHDP) to be executed by the City and each of the following contractors: SLSCO, LTD.; PMG CONSTRUCTION, INC.; DSW HOMES, LLC; HOUSTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC.; MAYBERRY HOMES, INC.; REBUILDING TOGETHER – HOUSTON; AND JAMES W. TURNER CONSTRUCTION, LTD. to extend the renewal period of the Master Contractor Agreements and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to Master Contractor Agreement with each Contractor.

The City, through HCDD is also proposing to allocate up to \$7,222,385.00 in Uptown TIRZ Series 2021 Affordable Homes Funds (TIRZ Bonds) to the NHDP Master Contractor Agreements (MCAs) and Tri-Party Agreements (TPAs), previously approved pursuant to Ord. No. 2022-756, which had also allocated \$13,282,615.00 to the NHDP MCAs from Fund 2430 to the above-mentioned Contractors. Funding allocated to the MCAs will be expended through the TPAs between the City, Houston Land Bank (HLB), and selected NHDP Contractors for newly constructed, affordable single-family homes under the NHDP for low- to moderate-income qualified homebuyers on scattered lots. The total amount for all the TPAs collectively will not exceed the maximum contract amount of \$20,505,000.00, unless and until increased by City Council. The NHDP is designed to provide newly constructed, affordable single-family homes for low- and moderate-income qualified Homebuyers through scattered site development. The NHDP has completed 59, with 7 homes under construction.

The City, through HCDD is also proposing to authorize the appropriation of \$1,776,992.00 in TIRZ Affordable Housing Funds, pursuant to the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Operations Grant Agreement between the City and the Houston Land Bank (HLB) for HLB's Operations and Program Delivery Activities including: oversight and maintenance of property inventory, planning, accounting, legal services and other professional services incurred for Affordable Housing Purposes and which are not funded through other sources, including any other agreement HLB enters into with the City.

The City, through HCDD is also proposing the de-appropriation of \$1,500,000.00 in TIRZ Affordable Housing Funds previously budgeted for the NHDP MCAs to fund the Homebuyers Assistance Program (HAP) to assist with the purchase of homes selected by income-eligible first-time homebuyers. HAP provides financial assistance to income -eligible first-time homebuyers to purchase a home within incorporated areas of the city of Houston. The goal of the program is to increase homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate- income applicants, within the incorporated areas of Houston. HAP is also designed to expand the supply of quality, safe, affordable housing within Houston, and to continue to improve homeownership affordability by facilitating the movement of individuals into new or existing homes.

The public has seven (7) days to comment on these proposed items. The Seven-day period extends from Wednesday, February 22, 2023, through Wednesday, March 1, 2023. For additional

information on these items, contact Kennisha London at (832) 394-6197. Written comments can be submitted by email to [Kennisha.London@houstontx.gov](mailto:Kennisha.London@houstontx.gov). Upon completion of the seven-day public comment period, HCDD will take these items to City Council.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext. 5. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at [www.houstontx.gov/housing](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing).