

Public Notice

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is issuing a public notice increasing the amount of City of Houston General Funds being awarded to Bethune Empowerment Center Phase 2 from \$1,871,266.00 to \$4,027,324.00.

Funding for the Bethune Empowerment Center Phase 2 will be used to renovate four buildings (buildings B, C, D, E) at the facility, ultimately providing workforce development, job training and education, and a childcare and learning center. Additional funding will also be used for operating costs for two years.

Renovations at the site will include installation of new mechanical system, electrical and plumbing, kitchen rehabilitation, and interior reconfiguration and build out to provide programmed spaces. Interior renovations include installation of new flooring and carpet, window replacement, and hardware upgrades and paint. Exterior renovations include drainage improvements, gas generator, sign installation. In addition, additional site improvements will include greenhouse and installation.

The public has seven (7) days to comment on this proposed item. The seven-day period extends from Saturday, September 30, 2023, through Saturday, October 7, 2023. Upon completion of the seven-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council. For additional information on this item, contact Metchm Lohoues-Washington at (832) 394-6180. Written comments can be submitted by email to Anne.Lohoues-Washington@houstontx.gov.

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.