

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is proposing a First Amendment to Loan and Grant Agreement (Amendment) between the City and East End Maker Hub Sponsor LLC (East End) to increase funding in the amount of \$3,372,745.00, the amount of the outstanding balance of the loan made for the construction of the East End Maker Hub Project, through Community Development Block Grant/Section 108 funds; and, to eliminate the requirement for East End to make monthly 1% interest payments to the City. A 307,000 square foot (SF) warehouse, located at 6501 Navigation Boulevard, known as East End Innovation and Maker Hub (Maker Hub), will facilitate economic development by providing below market rental space for small and medium sized manufacturers and light industrial businesses in need of workspace for creative offices, studios, and shops. The project is in the Second Ward community.

Maker Hub will include 200,000 SF of shared collaborative space for incubating new start-up businesses and offers the use of equipment to all lessees while providing training, education, and apprenticeships for the community through TXRX. TXRX has partnered with Urban Partnerships Community Development Corporation (UPCDC) to provide apprenticeship programs for East End residents for the purpose of equipping low-income individuals with the skills to access higher paid employment. East End is a wholly owned subsidiary of UPCDC, a nonprofit organization established in 2017 as a joint collaborative effort by TXRX and the Greater East End Management District to catalyze commerce and economic development in Houston's east end. No fiscal note is required on grant items.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The 30-day period extends from Wednesday, February 7, 2024, through Thursday, March 7, 2024. 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. Upon completion of the 30-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 1. 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.