



Quality of Life Committee

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Michael Nichols, Director



CITY OF HOUSTON * HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Agenda

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II. PUBLIC SERVICES

Melody Barr, Assistant Director

II.a. The Beacon of Downtown Houston (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement for Homeless Diversion Services between the City of Houston and The Beacon of Downtown Houston (The Beacon),

To provide up to \$480,922.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

For case management and diversion solutions to at least 50 homeless households.

II.a. The Beacon of Downtown Houston (All Districts)

The Beacon will serve as a centralized Day Center and Access Point for persons at-risk of or experiencing homelessness and are seeking resources, supportive services and housing solutions.

The Beacon will provide a holistic, wraparound service model of case management that promotes self-resolution with minimal assistance.

The program goal is to support at least 50 households in achieving a positive outcome by securing and/or maintaining stable housing.

II.a. The Beacon of Downtown Houston (All Districts)

In March 2025, in partnership with Harris County and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County, the City invited organizations to submit proposals under a Request for Expression or Interest (REI).

The Beacon was one of the agencies selected from the REI applicants that proposed a Diversion Services activity.

II.a. The Beacon of Downtown Houston (All Districts)

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program	\$432,829.80	90.00%
Administration	\$48,092.20	10.00%
Total	\$480,922.00	100.00%

This Agreement will provide funding from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

The Beacon has not previously received funding from the City of Houston.

II.b. Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM),

Providing up to \$1,153,870.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding,

For a social services program that will serve approximately 65 households annually who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

II.b. Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) (All Districts)

NAM's Diversion program will work with clients referred through The Way Home's Coordinated Entry System and who have housing issues and barriers to long-term stability.

Services will include case management, food, transportation, outreach services, financial assistance, other supportive services and referrals to wrap-around services.

II.b. Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) (All Districts)

In March 2025, in partnership with Harris County and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County, the City invited organizations to submit proposals under an REI.

NAM was one of the agencies that was selected from the pool of applicants to provide rapid rehousing activities.

NAM has received funding from the City of Houston since 2020. There were no findings or concerns in the most recent compliance monitoring review for other funded projects.

II.b. Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) (All Districts)

Year 1	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program	\$533,763.51	92.52%
Administration	\$43,171.49	7.48%
Subtotal	\$576,935.00	100.00%
Year 2	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program	\$533,763.51	92.52%
Administration	\$43,171.49	7.48%
Subtotal	\$576,935.00	100.00%
Total	\$1,153,870.00	100.00%

The initial Agreement period is from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, with an option for a one-year renewal at the City's discretion.

II.c. Wesley Community Center (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Wesley Community Center (Wesley),

Providing up to \$580,264.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding,

For a program that will serve approximately 75 individuals annually who are at-risk for homelessness.

II.c. Wesley Community Center (All Districts)

Wesley's Homeless Prevention program will work with individuals who are referred through The Way Home's Coordinated Entry System.

Services will include financial assistance, case management, food, transportation, outreach services, income and employment supports and referrals to other wrap-around services.

In March 2025, in partnership with Harris County and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston / Harris County, the City invited organizations to submit proposals under an REI.

II.c. Wesley Community Center (All Districts)

Wesley was one of the agencies that responded and was selected from the applicants that proposed homeless prevention services.

Wesley has received funding from the City of Houston since 2022.

Wesley had no findings or concerns in the most recent compliance monitoring review for other funded projects.

II.c. Wesley Community Center (All Districts)

Year 1	HOME-ARP	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$261,504.60	\$0.00	\$261,504.60	90.13%
Administration	\$0.00	\$28,627.40	\$28,627.40	9.87%
Subtotal	\$261,504.60	\$28,627.40	\$290,132.00	100.00%
Year 2	HOME-ARP	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$261,504.60	\$0.00	\$261,504.60	90.13
Administration	\$0.00	\$28,627.40	\$28,627.40	9.87%
Subtotal	\$261,504.60	\$28,627.40	\$290,132.00	100.00%
Total	\$523,009.20	\$57,254.80	\$580,264.00	100.00%

The initial Agreement period is from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, with an optional one-year extension at the City's discretion.

II.d. The Salvation Army (All Districts)

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

Extending the term of the Agreement and providing up to an additional \$622,432.91 in Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds,

To provide diversion, homeless prevention, and other services to 266 additional households who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk for immediate homelessness.

II.d. The Salvation Army (All Districts)

The Way Home is a collaborative effort between the City of Houston, Harris County, and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County (Coalition).

Diversion may include flexible financial assistance, family mediation and counseling services to seek immediate housing arrangements to avoid emergency shelter or unsheltered living.

The Way Home developed the Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) to specifically respond to COVID-19's impacts on the homeless.

II.d. The Salvation Army (All Districts)

For CCHP Phase 2, a joint REI from qualified agencies was released in March, 2022 by the Coalition.

TSA was one of the qualified agencies selected to receive funding for Diversion services. Additional funds are from balances in closed-out CCHP Agreements.

The initial Agreement term was from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and was administratively extended through September 30, 2024.

It was extended again through January 31, 2025, and again through January 31, 2026.

II.d. The Salvation Army (All Districts)

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Program	\$583,000.59	93.66%
Administration	\$39,432.32	6.34%
Total	\$622,432.91	100.00%

This Fourth Amendment will provide funding through April 31, 2026. As of April 2025, TSA achieved 84% of its goal and expended approximately 77.31% of funding.

TSA began receiving funding through the City of Houston in 2012, and there were no findings on the latest annual compliance review.

II.e. Covenant House, Second Amendment (All Districts)

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

Providing up to an additional \$200,000.00 in FY2025 Homeless Housing and Services Program – Youth (HHSP-Y) funds,

For emergency shelter, transitional living services, case management, and essential services to 80 unaccompanied homeless young adults aged 18 to 24.

II.e. Covenant House, Second Amendment (All Districts)

Covenant House was initially 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.

The initial Agreement period was from April 8, 2024, to March 31, 2025, and a First Amendment extended this Agreement through March 31, 2026.

II.e. Covenant House, Second Amendment (All Districts)

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program	\$200,000.00	100.00%
Administration	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$200,000.00	100.00%

This Second Amendment will only provide additional funding and will not extend the Agreement period.

As of May 2025, Covenant House has met 25% of its client goal and utilized approximately 12% of its First Amendment funds.

Covenant House has received funding from the City of Houston since 2009 and had no findings during their most recent annual compliance monitoring review.

II.f. Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston,

Providing up to \$698,040.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding

For a program that will serve approximately 200 individuals annually.

II.f. Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (All Districts)

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston's Street Medicine program delivers vital wraparound services directly to those who might otherwise go untreated to include: primary and urgent medical care, substance use and mental health support, HIV and STI testing, and more.

The Street Medicine program is in partnership with The Way Home, Houston's homeless response system, and will utilize the Coordinated Entry system for housing assessments.

II.f. Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (All Districts)

In March 2025, in partnership with Harris County and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, the City of Houston invited organizations to submit proposals under a Request for Expression of Interest (REI).

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston was one of the agencies that responded and was selected from the applicants that proposed an outreach activity.

II.f. Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (All Districts)

Year 1	HOME-ARP	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$314,000.00	\$0.00	\$314,000.00	90.00%
Administration	\$0.00	\$34,900.00	\$34,900.00	10.00%
Year 2	HOME-ARP	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$316,000.00	\$0.00	\$316,000.00	90.00%
Administration	\$0.00	\$35,100.00	\$35,100.00	10.00%
TOTAL	\$630,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$700,000.00	

The initial Agreement period is from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027.

HHH has received funding from the City of Houston since 2003 and had one finding on the last compliance monitoring due to a late payment submission, which has since been resolved.

II.g. Bread of Life, Inc. (District I)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Bread of Life, Inc. (BOL),

Providing up to \$901,290.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a project that provides: (1) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); (2) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU); (3) Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS); and (4) Supportive Services

For 107 very low-income households in which one or more members are living with HIV/AIDS.

II.g. Bread of Life, Inc. (District I)

Housing assistance will be provided as follows: (1) TBRA for 97 households, (2) STRMU for five households, and (3) PHPS for five households to provide housing stability and prevent homelessness.

Supportive Services will include case management, mental health, and services that promote housing stability, improve access to care or services, and reinforce opportunities towards independent living.

HCD conducted a NOFA for HOPWA services in March 2025 with the option to renew in up to one-year increment at the City's discretion. Bread of Life was one of the selected agencies.

II.g. Bread of Life, Inc. (District I)

Category	Amount	Percent
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$626,138.00	69.47%
Supportive Services	\$146,364.00	16.24%
Administrative	\$61,288.00	6.80%
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$62,500.00	6.93%
Permanent Housing Placement Services	\$5,000.00	0.56%
Total	\$575,630.00	100.00%

This Agreement will begin September 1, 2025 and provide funding through February 28, 2026. Bread of Life has received funding for various Agreements through the City since 1999 and had no findings on their last compliance monitoring review.

II.h. The Montrose Center (District C)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and The Montrose Center (Montrose), providing up to \$1,791,845.00 in HOPWA funds for a project that provides:

(1) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); (2) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU); (3) Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS); and (4) Supportive Services to a minimum of 248 very-low income households living with HIV/AIDS.

II.h. The Montrose Center (District C)

Housing assistance will be provided as follows: (1) TBRA for 78 households, (2) STRMU for 150 households, and (3) PHPS for 20 households to provide housing stability and prevent homelessness.

Supportive Services will include case management, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, and other services that promote housing stability, improve access to care or related services, and reinforce independent living for all household members.

II.h. The Montrose Center (District C)

Category	Amount	Percent
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$915,000.00	51.06%
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$525,000.00	29.30%
Supportive Services	\$210,000.00	11.72%
Administrative	\$121,845.00	6.80%
Permanent Housing Placement Services	\$20,000.00	1.12%
Total	\$1,791,845.00	100.00%

This Agreement will begin September 1, 2025 and provide funding through August 31, 2026. Montrose has received various Agreements through the City since 2007 and had no findings on their last compliance monitoring review.

III. Director's Comments

Michael Nichols, Director

IV. Public Comments

Council Member Julian Ramirez, Chair