

# **CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

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HCD16-50 Capital Investing in Development and Employment of Adults, Inc. (Capital IDEA)

Agenda Item#:

## **Summary:**

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and CAPITAL INVESTING in DEVELOPMENT and EMPLOYMENT of ADULTS, LLC, to provide up to \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for the administration, implementation, oversight and delivery of a workforce development program; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and declaring an emergency.

### Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and Capital Investing in Development and Employment of Adults LLC (Capital IDEA) for a workforce development program.

Capital IDEA lifts low-income working families out of poverty by enabling participants to pursue associate degrees in higher-paying and in-demand professional fields/careers that will lead to life-long independence. The agency offers career development and support service for its participants. Currently Capital IDEA has 242 participants enrolled. They are participating in various stages of the program as indicated: 21 are in developmental instruction in basic math, English and writing; 58 are in prerequisite courses for college; 103 are enrolled in required core classes for their major; and 60 have graduated and are in the job search program. The agency anticipates (51) graduates in the Class of 2016.

The City will grant Capital IDEA Houston up to \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide services to a minimum of 150 participants. The City of Houston is contributing 33% of the entire program cost.

Category	Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	\$23,229	11.6%
Program Services	\$176,771	88.4%
Total	\$200,000	100%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Service contracts for fiscal year 2016. Capital IDEA was one of the agencies selected. This contract provides funding for May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017. Capital IDEA has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston since 2012.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on March 22, 2016.

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Amount of Funding: \$200,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund 5000

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