



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 3/10/2020
 District B, District I, District J
 Item Creation Date: 1/3/2020

HCD20-03 The Alliance

Agenda Item#: 3.

Summary:

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is requesting Council approval of an ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and The Alliance, providing up to \$1,322,100.00 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery 2017 (CDBG-DR17) funds for the following services to low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals residing in the City of Houston:

1. Mental health services for at least 600 individuals;
2. Small business technical assistance and financial education to at least 130 individuals;
3. Establishment of Center for Resiliency, in partnership with the City of Houston Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities, that will provide at least 120 individuals direct counseling, assistance and/or coordinated referrals for disaster preparedness and recovery, housing, legal, and other information as per community needs;
4. Administrative support for 22 AmeriCorps service members providing literacy services to at least 1,085 individuals across the city of Houston;
5. Provide occupational training and support to at least 85 individuals and have the opportunity to become licensed in their respective training area;
6. Through the Child Care Entrepreneurship program, train a minimum of 120 individuals to receive home-based child-care training and have the opportunity to become licensed home-based child care providers; and
7. Expand on-site child care services provided for clients attending training and education classes at The Alliance's main location, allowing parents or caregivers to access services.

Category	Contract Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	\$158,200.00	11.97%
Program Services	\$1,163,900.00	88.03%
Total	\$1,322,100.00	100.0%

CDBG-DR funds provide approximately 67% of the total cost of this activity. HCDD conducted a Notice of Funding Availability for CDBG-DR17 – Harvey Public Services contracts in fiscal year 2019, with a one-year renewal option. The Alliance was one of the providers selected. The term of this contract will be March 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021. This is their first Disaster Recovery contract.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on February 18, 2020.

*Harvey Indirect Tieback: Job training services, financial education, small business development, mental health and other supportive services will build economic resiliency against future disasters. Services will assist individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, meet their economic and employment goals, as well as increasing their options to acquire or maintain affordable housing.

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Prior Council Action:

Amount of Funding:

\$1,322,100.00 Federal Government - Grant Funded (5030)

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