

**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL** 

Meeting Date: 1/4/2023 ALL

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HCD22-88 Healthcare for the Homeless

Agenda Item#: 23.

## Summary:

## **Background:**

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Fourth Amendment to extend a Contract between the City of Houston (City) and Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston (HHH) and provide up to an additional \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to operate the Project Access homeless transportation program, benefiting a minimum of 2,100 additional riders who are homeless.

Project Access offers transportation services to homeless persons Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 52 weeks a year using a 40-passenger, wheelchair-accessible bus traveling a scheduled route. The service supports 23 agencies that provide essential services such as health care, meals, shelter, and social services. Funding also supports a community health worker that serves as a resource for riders, collects data, acts as a liaison with other homeless services providers, and serves as the face of the program to promote ridership and improve outreach.

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program Services	\$150,000.00	100%
Program Administration	\$0.00	0%
Total	\$150,000.00	100%

HCD conducted a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG contracts for the fiscal year 2019 with the option to renew in up to one-year increments. The initial contract began on February 1, 2019, and was extended through three subsequent amendments and administrative extensions through January 31, 2023. This Fourth Amendment provides funding through December 31, 2023. HHH has received CDBG funding through the City for various contracts since 2003.

As of November 1, 2022, HHH has expended approximately 94% of funding and served approximately 107.6% of its annual client goal. There were no findings in their annual compliance monitoring.

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on November 15, 2022.

Buran Keith W Bynam Director

## **Prior Council Action:**

1-23-2019 (O) 2019-044; 1-15-2020 (O) 2020-049; 7-21-2021 (O) 2021-615; 2-23-2022 (O) 2022-134

Amount and Source of Funding: \$150.000.00 Federal Government - Grant Fund (5000)

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