



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 1/24/2023

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Item Creation Date:

HCD22-50 Covenant House Texas (CHT)

Agenda Item#: 37.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and Covenant House Texas (CHT), providing \$5,353,012.00 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and \$1,346,988.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the redevelopment of their Building for Life campus, located at 1111 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006, to support proven programs that successfully guide homeless youth towards independence.

This 2.7 acre property is situated in the Montrose neighborhood and will provide an updated shelter, medical and mental health clinic, and safer housing to accommodate youth. The campus will also feature a chapel, large commercial kitchen and cafeteria, career center with computers and internet, outdoor courtyard and recreational facilities, age-appropriate areas for infants and toddlers, rooms dedicated to art and music, meeting/library, digital library, 2 office spaces, and larger multipurpose rooms for youth activities.

CHT's participants will access the Center through the main entrance on Lovett Boulevard with a clear point of access to the public. CHT leadership participates with the Continuum of Care service providers, and with state and local experts on homelessness, to assess the ongoing community needs. The severe burden placed on a homeless individual's physical, mental, and emotional health, coupled with the economic impact of job loss, will result in an influx of homeless individuals, many of those between the ages of 18 to 24 years. The goal is to ensure a safe environment for youth who seek refuge at CHT where they can re-establish a sense of stability, positive relationships, secure employment, pursue education, and live healthy and independent lives.

CHT was founded as an affiliated site of Covenant House International in 1983 to meet the needs of homeless youth in Houston and provides emergency shelter and support services to the greater Houston area 24-hours/365-days a year. CHT is dedicated to the protection of all homeless unsheltered youth, whether or not they are residents of the facility.

Sources	Amount	Uses	Amount
CoH HCDD – CDBG- CV	\$5,353,012.00	Soft Cost	\$3,155,266.00
CoH HCDD – CDBG	\$1,346,988.00		
Harris County Community Service Department (DR-17)	\$4,146,250.00		
Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas – Affordable Housing Program (AHP)	\$750,000.00	Hard Cost	\$43,689,772.00
Conventional Loan	\$22,334,790.00		
Capital Campaign	\$13,013,998.00	Acquisition Cost	\$100,000.00
Total Source of Funds:	\$46,945,038.00	Total Project Cost:	\$46,945,038.00

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item will be reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on June 21, 2022.

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Keith W. Bynam, Director

Amount and Source of Funding:

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6,700,000.00 - Federal Government – Grant Funded - Fund 5000

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