



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 8/29/2023

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HCD23-64 Houston Community College System District

Agenda Item#: 5.

### **Background:**

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a new Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and the Houston Community College System District (HCC), providing \$376,706.09 of Department of Labor – Community Project Funding (DOL-CPF) funds and \$82,500.00 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the EmPowering Solar Jobs Program, a workforce development program focused on preparing residents from underserved neighborhoods without college degrees for career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

This workforce development program will offer certificate training in electrical technician or solar installer programs and will provide instructional supplies, and case management services for 100 program participants. The program will focus on residents from Complete Communities neighborhoods and may serve residents from other neighborhoods in need of skills training to obtain higher-wage jobs.

The program will be located at HCC's South Campus and this Agreement will fund services for a 24-month term beginning at countersignature. This would be the first Agreement for HCC through HCD.

Category	DOL-CPF Amount	ARPA Amount	Total	Percent
Tuition/Fees	\$ 167,100.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 249,600.00	54.36%
Instructional Supplies	\$ 139,986.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 139,986.09	30.48%
Case Management	\$ 69,620.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 69,620.00	15.16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$376,706.09</b>	<b>\$82,500.00</b>	<b>\$459,206.09</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Community Project Funding is allocated by the U.S. Congress as congressionally directed spending of federal funds. HCD, in coordination with the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities, submitted an application to the Department of Labor to receive an award of DOL-CPF funds with HCC being designated as one of the training providers in the approved application.

### **Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal note is required for grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on June 20, 2023.

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*Keith W. Bynam*

Keith W. Bynam, Director

### **Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$376,706.00 - Federal Government - Fund 5000

\$ 82,500.00 - ARPA Recovery Fund 5309

**\$459,206.09 - TOTAL**

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