



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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Item Creation Date:

HCD24-98 Authorizing submission of an Amendment to Economic Development Initiative – Community Project Funding Grant

Agenda Item#: 45.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing submission of the First Amendment to the FY 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant Agreement No. B-22-CP-TX-0860 between the City of Houston and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which includes a revised project narrative and budget.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) (the Act), U.S. Congress made CPF awards available, and projects were identified in the annual appropriations legislation to be administered by HUD. The City of Houston executed a grant agreement with HUD on June 16, 2023, for one FY 2022 CPF grant project named Bissonnet Social Services Hub.

In accordance with HUD’s Community Project Funding Grant Guide, the City of Houston is required to submit a request for amendment to an approved project narrative and/or budget for FY 2022 CPF grants through a formal letter. Any changes to the scope of work must be compliant with HUD guidance and consistent with the congressionally directed purpose of the award, which is described as “Bissonnet Social Services Hub” in the Joint Explanatory Statement.

The original scope of work for this project included the purchase and rehabilitation of a building in the Alief-Westwood area near the Bissonnet Street corridor for the delivery of social services to mitigate and reduce human/sex trafficking. However, the City was unable to identify sufficient additional funding to cover the building purchase and rehabilitation costs. To ensure that we are able to achieve the intended outcomes for this grant, we are amending the project scope of work to reflect that this funding will go directly to providing social services, including rental assistance, to victims of human trafficking or domestic violence in the target area.

To accomplish the change in scope of work for this project, the budget has been amended to transfer funding from the “Acquisition and Site Preparation” and “Pre-Development” budget line items to “Programming / Services” and “Administration” as shown in the table below.

Bissonnet Social Services Hub				
Activity	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget	
Acquisition & Site Preparation	\$1,764,000.00	(\$1,764,000.00)	\$0.00	
Pre-Development	\$16,000.00	(\$16,000.00)	\$0.00	
Programming / Services	\$0.00	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,700,000.00	
Administration	\$220,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$300,000.00	
Total	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	

Fiscal Year 2022 CPF grant awards must be obligated by September 30, 2025, and spent by September 30, 2030. After the amendment is submitted to and approved by HUD, agreements from this project will be presented to City Council at a later date, once subrecipients have been selected.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required for grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Affordability Committee on October 15, 2024.

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