



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 2/11/2025

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Item Creation Date:

HCD25-05 Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Agenda Item#: 8.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC), providing up to an additional \$944,657.15 in Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the continuation of services previously funded through the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP).

HCDVCC's activities include emergency shelter for individuals, families, and persons fleeing domestic violence; rapid rehousing for families experiencing homelessness; assistance with short-term rent and utility payments to prevent eviction or termination of services; and assistance in obtaining services and benefits.

HCDVCC will provide administrative services to nonprofit domestic violence providers, that will serve a minimum of 228 additional households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and may be survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking. Administrative services include processing reimbursement requests, monitoring providers for performance and compliance with City, State, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, and providing technical assistance and training.

CATEGORY	CDBG	ESG	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Program	\$0.00	\$821,441.00	\$821,441.00	86.96%
Administration	\$123,216.15	\$0.00	\$123,216.15	13.04%
Total	\$123,216.15	\$821,441.00	\$944,657.15	100.00%

HCD conducted a Notice of Funding Availability for Homeless Services Program administrative services in August 2020. Child Care Council (CCC) was selected as the Administrative Services Agency. CCC's Agreement to operate as the HSP administrator will not be renewed and will expire on March 31, 2024.

To avoid a gap in homeless response system services, the City selected HCDVCC to operate as an administrator for existing DV agencies that are providing homeless and homelessness prevention services to continue operations. The initial Agreement was from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025. This First Amendment will provide funding through March 31, 2026.

HCDVCC was selected due to its history of working with Houston's Homeless system, the City of Houston, and providers that serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking.

As of November 2024, HCDVCC has served 93.60% of its goal and expended 50.91% of their funding. The agency received funding from the City of Houston in 2022 and there were no findings associated with that program.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Quality of Life Committee on February 3, 2025.

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 Michael Nichols, Director

Prior Council Action:

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Amount and Source of Funding:

\$944,657.15 Federal Government - Grant Funded (5000)

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