

TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

10/2/15 Coalition - Planning

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance authorizing the use of \$130,000 in federal CDBG funds for a contract between the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County for strategic homeless planning activities

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<b>FROM:</b> Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development	<b>Origination Date</b> 10/02/15	<b>Agenda Date</b>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>Council District affected:</b> All
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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the use of \$130,000 in federal CDBG funds for a contract between the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County for strategic homeless planning activities

<b>Amount of Funding:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$130,000.00</b></p>	<b>Finance Budget:</b>
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**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**      [ ] General Fund      [ X ] Grant Fund      [ ] Enterprise Fund

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund 5000**

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**  
The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County (the Coalition), providing \$130,000 in federal CDBG funds for strategic homeless planning activities.

The Coalition addresses solutions to homelessness through collaborative resource development and service coordination in the areas of affordable housing, education, employment, transportation, child care, mental health, food, and shelter. Currently, the City receives millions of dollars in federal funding for homelessness. These planning activities are required to keep the program in regulatory compliance. Additionally, information gained through this planning process may result in an increase in future funding. Activities include the Community Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, permanent supportive housing implementation planning, and transitional housing inventory analysis.

A critical part of the planning process is the Point-in-Time Enumeration, an annual count of homeless persons. The count is facilitated by the Coalition and is required of all communities receiving funding from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The count is reported to HUD, and is one factor in determining the amount of funding that our community receives in supportive housing program grants.

CDBG funds are providing 9% of the cost of these strategic planning activities.

Category	Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	\$18,438.35	14%
Program Services	\$111,561.65	86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

This contract will provide funding for a 12-month period, from December 1, 2015 - November 30, 2016.

The Housing and Community Affairs Committee reviewed this item on October 20, 2015.

NR:JN:MB:RLJ

Cc: City Secretary  
Legal Department  
Finance Department  
Mayor's Office

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

<b>Finance Director:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>
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