



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 8/12/2025

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Item Creation Date: 7/24/2025

HCD25-89 Adaptive Reuse of Historic Wesley Chapel

Agenda Item#: 22.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the submission of required application materials to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending award (CPF) for \$4,116,279.00, under the HUD Economic Development Initiative; and the execution of associated grant agreements between HUD and the City of Houston and related forms and documents by the Mayor, or the Mayor’s designee.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) (the Act), the U.S. Congress made CPF awards available, and projects were identified in the annual appropriations legislation. The Housing and Community Development Department will manage the FY24 CPF grant award allocated to the city for the following project, as specified in the bill.

Adaptive Reuse of Historic Wesley Chapel for Economic Revitalization of Third Ward: \$4,116,279.00

Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church, a historic church, is located at 2209 Emancipation Avenue, Houston, TX 77003. This project will fund the renovation of this historic church that includes infrastructure and energy efficiency improvements and interior modifications to provide a flexible performance and community meeting place, while preserving its historic exterior structure and character.


Adaptive Reuse of Historic Wesley Chapel			
	Community Project Funding	Non-CPF Funding	Total Project Cost
Administration (HCDD)	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00
Acquisition (previously funded)	\$0.00	\$3,800,000.00	\$3,800,000.00
Construction, Renovation, Rehabilitation	\$3,616,279.00	\$6,501,561.00	\$10,117,840.00
Total	\$4,116,279.00	\$10,301,561.00	\$14,417,840.00

On 9/8/2021 by Ordinance 2021-0755, the City acquired the property for \$3.8M in Homeless and Housing Bond Funds, no additional City funding sources are included in the Non-CPF Funding column. The \$6,501,561.00 in Non-CPF Construction, Renovation, and Rehabilitation funds is to be provided by the Gospel Music Haus and Museum Capital Campaign, which is private funding. The date HUD signs the grant agreement will be the start date for the grant period of performance and the budget period. Fiscal Year 2024 CPF grant awards must be spent by August 31, 2032.

This item is a procedural, administrative matter for the City to apply for and receive the funds awarded. After the grant agreement is executed any contracts or agreements related to this grant award will be presented to the City Council.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required for grant items.


 Michael A. Nichols, Director

Prior Council Action:

9/8/2021 (O) 2021-0755

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$4,116,279.00 (to be received) – Federal Government – Grant Fund (5000)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
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Ordinance 2021-0755

Backup Material