



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 2/23/2016

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Item Creation Date: 1/14/2016

HCD16-27 The Village Learning Center, Inc.

Agenda Item#:

**Summary:**

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and the **VILLAGE LEARNING CENTER, INC.**, to provide \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for a Vocational/Educational Training Program Serving a Special Needs Population; containing findings and provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and declaring an emergency.

**Background:**

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between the City of Houston and The Village Learning Center Inc. for a vocational/educational program serving a special needs population.

The Village Learning Center Vocational Program is to provide education and training to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have the desire to broaden their skill sets in volunteering, community service, and, if applicable, employment in their community. The Village Learning Center Inc. will identify and educate 96 individuals.

The City will grant The Village Learning Center Inc. up to \$150,000 in federal CDBG funds to provide services to a minimum of 96 participants.

Category	Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	-	0%
Program Services	\$150,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Service contracts for fiscal year 2016. The Village Learning Center Inc. was one of the agencies selected. The term of this contract is March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. The Village Learning Center Inc. has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston for various contracts since 2012.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on February 16, 2016.

Neal Rackleff, Director  
Housing & Community Development Department

**Amount of Funding:**

\$150,000.00

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Fund 5000

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