



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 1/3/2018

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PRD - Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement Gulf Coast Workforce Board

Agenda Item#: 25.

### **Background:**

The purpose of this agreement is to leverage funds used to operate the Houston Parks and Recreation Department After-School Enrichment, Summer Enrichment, and After-School Achievement (ASAP) Programs to obtain additional federal funding under Title VI of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. For each dollar of qualified match, the Texas Workforce Commission Gulf Coast Workforce Board (GCWB) can draw federal funds for appropriate distribution. GCWB will use the City's certified child care expenditures totaling \$1,000,000 to draw down from an estimated \$2,992,910 in federal funding available for this program in Houston. The agreement pledges that by September 30, 2018, the City of Houston will provide statements to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board certifying expenditures made between February 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018. The performance period in this agreement is February 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018 and includes a provision for a renewal up to three (3) consecutive one-year terms.

Under this agreement, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board will use the City's certified expenditure to draw down federal funds for after-school programs and summer day camps for Houston youth. The agreement directs the Gulf Coast Workforce Board (GCWB) to utilize the federal funding to subsidize the cost of child care programs for low-income families, and provide Child Care Quality Improvement funds for allowable quality improvement activities. Approximately 1,000 children will benefit from reduced or no-cost summer day camp and 2,000 children will benefit from reduced or no-cost after-school programs. In addition, local area child care practitioners will receive professional development opportunities along with resource and materials to enhance the deliverables of quality improvement programs.

The Texas Workforce Commission administers funds received through Title VI of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Title VI makes federal funds available for subsidized childcare for families at specified income levels and that have at least one parent working, training or in school. States receive this money by making their own contribution, which is "matched" by the federal government according to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (Federal Register, Vol. 67, Number 31). The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is the local administrator of Title VI funds received for the Houston area.

Director's Signature:

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Steve Wright, Director

### **Prior Council Action:**

2014-53

### **Amount of Funding:**

No new City of Houston funding required

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