



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 1/23/2018

District H

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HCD17-100 Educational Programs Inspiring Communities

Agenda Item#:

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is requesting a second contract amendment to exercise the renewal option for Educational Programs Inspiring Communities for the Housing Entrepreneurial and Readiness Training (H.E.A.R.T.). This second contract amendment will begin January 31, 2018 and provide up to \$200,000.00 for the administration and operation of a job training program for developmentally disabled adults.

H.E.A.R.T. will continue to provide special education, job training, transportation, and supportive services to 42 low-to moderate-income adults diagnosed with developmental disabilities. The CDBG funds will support a special education certified teacher, job training instructors, program manager, training facility, and administration costs of the program. By participating in the H.E.A.R.T. training program, participants will receive a customized training curriculum consisting of life skills, social skills, job readiness, hands-on training, on-the-job training, classroom training, and community-based vocational instruction. H.E.A.R.T. receives funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$100,540.00, and Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) in the amount of \$125,000.00 to support this program. CDBG funds are providing 46% of the program cost.

Category	Contract	Percentage
Program Administration	\$33,928.00	17.0%
Program Services	\$166,072.00	83.0%
Total	\$200,000.00	100.0%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG contracts for fiscal year 2016. Educational Programs Inspiring Communities was one of the agencies selected. The original contract period was from February 1, 2016-January 31, 2017. This first contract amendment was from February 1, 2017-January 31, 2018. This second amendment extends the contract through January 31, 2019. The H.E.A.R.T. program has received CDBG funding through the City of Houston for various contracts since 2005.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on November 28, 2017.

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Tom McCasland Director

Prior Council Action:

1/25/16, (O) 2016-92

1/3/17, (O) 2017-35

Amount of Funding:

\$200,000.00

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Fund 5000

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