



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD17-105 Mutual Aid Agreement
Houston Housing Authority

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Zero Allocation Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** for the operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of an Inter-Jurisdictional Zero Allocation Agreement between the City of Houston and Houston Housing Authority. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide funding for the operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary (FAI). The FAI assisted those households affected by Hurricane Harvey by providing rental assistance, rental and utility deposits, and utility payments to those living in non-congregant shelter from September 2017 through May 2018.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall on Friday, August 25, 2017, between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor, Texas as a category 4 hurricane. Its devastating effects soon began to impact Houston. Hurricane Harvey caused catastrophic flooding, other severe weather, and hazardous conditions. Hurricane Harvey also presented an imminent threat to public health and safety and has resulted in the displacement of numerous individuals and families who were placed at emergency shelters established in various locations across the City, including the George R. Brown Convention Center and the Toyota Center.

The Houston Housing Authority delivered the following program services: (1) management of the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care Rapid Rehousing Collaborative financial assistance funds, and (2) operation of direct rental and utility assistance to approximately 350 families affected by hurricane Harvey.

The services associated with the Inter-Jurisdictional Zero Allocation Agreement will continue until May 25, 2018. FEMA funding under this agreement will be from September 2017 through May 2018. City Council is requested to authorize and approve the Inter-Jurisdictional Zero Allocation Agreement.

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Tom McCasland, Director

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