



CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

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HCD18-100

Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc.

Agenda Item #:

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends approval of a contract between Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc. and the City of Houston to provide funding up to \$100,000.00 for program costs of supportive housing and support services to vulnerable families with children who are in danger of being separated from their families.

The project's scope of work is to provide supportive housing and supportive services to 30 families who meet criteria outlined by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and who are low-to moderate-income, which qualifies them for residence in New Hope Housing at Reed Road. Services will include family coaching (case management) and adult empowerment (i.e. English as a Second Language, and General Equivalency Diploma).

Buckner will adopt the Keeping Families Together (KFT) model, which leverages supportive housing to offer stability to families with children at risk of being separated from their birth parents, reduces foster care placement costs and reunites children with their families.

Families are defined as at least one adult and one child who are related biologically, emotionally, or legally and are living in the same household, as well as non-custodial parents with legal responsibility for children under 18. Families may consist of one parent, two parents, grandparents, foster parents or legal guardians who are caring for children under the age of 18.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percent
Administrative	--	0%
Program Costs	\$100,000.00	100%
Total	\$100,000.00	100%

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Public Services contracts for fiscal year 2019 with a one-year renewal option for fiscal year 2020. Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc. was one of the agencies selected. This contract term is anticipated to be March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing & Community Affairs Committee on January 22, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom McCasland", written over a horizontal line.

Tom McCasland, Director

Amount of Funding

\$100,000.00

Federal Government – Grant Funded (5000)

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