



# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### COVID-19

April 19, 2021

County Judge Hidalgo and  
Commissioner Ellis, Garcia, Ramsey and Cagle

#### ***AGENDA LETTER***

Please consider the following item on the Commissioners Court Agenda for April 27, 2021:

- Approval of the attached Agreements, prepared by the County Attorney, between Harris County and the following Subrecipients:
  1. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston: CCHP – Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Case Management/Navigation (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$2,923,429
  2. Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.: CCHP – Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Case Management (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$290,118
  3. The Beacon of Downtown Houston: CCHP – Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Navigation (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$255,932
  4. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston: CCHP – Diversion Case Management (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$1,053,189
  5. BakerRipley: CCHP – Diversion Case Management (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$1,228,734

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

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## **Harris County Community Services Department**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Agreements for Services**

**April 27, 2021**

On March 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act to help communities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. CARES included funding to add capacity to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)'s Emergency Solutions Grants and Community Development Block Grants. The Coalition for the Homeless (CFTH), as lead agency to The Way Home CoC, has recommended the rapid expansion of housing to individuals experiencing homelessness. The Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP) will do this in several ways, including via a "Bridge" to Permanent Supportive Housing and "Diversion Services".

PSH is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people and other homeless individuals with high barriers. Diversion includes Housing-focused problem-solving conversations paired with limited financial assistance offered to persons seeking emergency shelter or residing in emergency shelters. The services are designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment and employment services.

On September 29, 2020, Harris County Commissioners Court approved agreements with four (4) eligible Subrecipients to administer Bridge to PSH and Diversion projects. The initial term of these agreements ended on February 28, 2021.

The Community Services Department (CSD) is now requesting Commissioners Court approval authorizing the continuation of the five (5) Agreements for Services listed below:

#### **Agreements for Services**

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Attached for Commissioners Court review and approval are the Agreements between Harris County and these eligible four (4) Subrecipients.