



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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

AGENDA LETTER

Please consider the following items on the Commissioners Court Agenda for May 25, 2021:

- Approval of the attached Agreements, prepared by the County Attorney, in support of the Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP):
 1. Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.: CCHP – Housing Stability: Income Support (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$1,181,900.33
 2. BakerRipley: CCHP – Rapid Re-housing (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$3,658,507.00
 3. Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.: – CCHP – Rapid Re-housing (COVID-19) (Countywide), \$400,000.00
 4. The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD: Community-wide COVID Housing (CCHP) Program (Countywide), \$450,000.00
 5. The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD: CCHP-Harris Center @ Dennis Street (COVID-19), \$1,344,667.00

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agreements for Services

May 25, 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 & 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. This Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP) will do this in several ways, including via rapid re-housing rental assistance, case management services, income support services, residential rehabilitation service, and comprehensive behavioral health support services.

Rapid Re-housing will provide for medium and/or short-term rental assistance, landlord incentive fees, and case management that includes, but is not limited to, connecting clients with mainstream resources; providing housing search and placement services; and engaging in creative problem-solving conversations. Income Support will provide employment and career counseling and follow-up through job placement and case management and the comprehensive health support and residential rehabilitation services will assist with mental health. The services are designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based resources necessary for not only obtaining but maintaining housing stability.

The Community Services Department (CSD) is now requesting Commissioners Court approval authorizing three (3) Agreements and two (2) Interlocal Agreements with three (3) Subrecipients for Services. The Rapid Re-housing/case management projects will serve 155 Households (HH), the Income Support projects will serve 500 persons, and the Residential Rehabilitation/Comprehensive Behavioral Health Support projects will serve 84 persons during the nine (9) month time of performance of the Agreements below.

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Attached for Commissioners Court review and approval are the Agreements between Harris County and these eligible three (3) Subrecipients.