



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Request by Budget Management for approval of an amendment to the agreement between Harris County and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to allow Catholic Charities and its subcontractors to share data related to the CARES Direct Assistance Program with the University of Notre Dame's Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO) to assess the impact of financial assistance on the housing stability and financial stability of recipients.

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**Attachments:** 1. 21-1839 Catholic Charities Addendum

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4/27/2021	1	Commissioners Court		

**To:** Harris County Commissioners Court

**Through:** Shain Carrizal, Senior Director of Human Resources & Risk Management  
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**Subject:** Amendment to the Agreement between Harris County and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
**Project ID (If applicable):**

**Purpose and Request:**

*Request by Budget Management for approval of an amendment to the agreement between Harris County and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to allow Catholic Charities and its subcontractors to share data related to the CARES Direct Assistance Program with the University of Notre Dame's Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO) to assess the impact of financial assistance on the housing stability and financial stability of recipients.*

**Background and Discussion:**

*Harris County established a \$61.4 million Direct Assistance Program using CARES funding and contracted with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to administer the program. This amendment allows Catholic Charities or its subcontractors to share data with LEO, who will be comparing outcomes for those who were randomly selected to receive funds against outcomes for those who were not selected to receive funds. This research can provide critical guidance to policymakers and funders about how to best support residents and has the potential to inform future rounds of emergency funding.*

**Fiscal Impact:**

*Besides some minor administrative task performed by County employees on the project, there is no fiscal impact.*

**Fiscal Summary**

Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
<b>Service Impacted:</b> <i>[Please specify the division where expenditures are incurred]</i>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Existing Budget	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Additional Appropriation Requested	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
Existing Department Budget	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u><b>General Fund</b></u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
All Other Funds	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Total Sources</b>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Alignment with Strategic Objective:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

*Amendment to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Agreement*