



Legislation Text

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Department: Commissioner, Precinct 1

Department Head/Elected Official: Rodney Ellis, Commissioner Precinct One

Regular or Supplemental RCA:

- Regular RCA
 Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request that the Office of County Administration work with the County Attorney's Office, Purchasing Department, and the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity to create a fund allocating \$200,000 to community colleges and Independent School Districts in Harris County to conduct disparity studies regarding utilization of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE), upon the condition that recipient institutions shall create and adopt MWBE programs designed using national best practices to remedy any race and gender disparities identified.

Background and Discussion:

A recent assessment conducted by the Greater Houston Partnership analyzing diversity, equity and inclusion across the Harris County region discovered that "less than 30% of both private and public organizations surveyed reported Minority Business Enterprise spending. The average MBE spending amounts to 2% of the procurement budget." Currently, one community college in the Harris County region has a diversity supplier program and one Independent School District has an MWBE program. The goal of this fund is to encourage the mitigation of racial and gender disparities where they may exist in public procurement practices, decrease barriers often experienced by MWBEs in contract procurement, and increase access to economic opportunities.

Expected Impact: Encourage the mitigation of racial and gender disparities where they may exist in public procurement practices, decrease barriers often experienced by MWBEs in contract procurement, and increase access to economic opportunities.

Alternative Options: N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health

- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment

Governance and Customer Service **Prior Court Action (if any):** N/A

Location:

Address (if applicable list below):

- Countywide
- Precinct 1
- Precinct 2

Precinct 3

<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct 4 Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		\$200,000	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		\$200,000	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	General Fund	\$200,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Current Budget		\$200,000	-	-
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		-	-	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-

Total Personnel	-	-	-
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Anticipated Implementation Date: To be determined

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:

- Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item
- Emergency Item
- COVID-19 related Item
- Disaster Recovery related Item

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Attachments (if applicable):