



Legislation Text

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Harris County Commissioners
Court

Request for Court
Action

Department: Community Services
Department Head/Elected Official: Adrienne M. Holloway, Ph.D., Executive Director

Regular RCA Type Grant or **Supplemental of RCA:** Regular **Request:**

Project ID (if applicable): N/A
Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Community Services for approval to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for grant funds in the amount of \$664,165, with no required match, for the FY 2022 Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund Program.

Background

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Discussion:

In February 2022, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) released their 2022 Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund Intake Centers, Housing Counseling Services, and Legal Services Application. These funds are made available to address the needs of financially distressed homeowners in the state of Texas by providing direct financial assistance and contract with organizations to serve as intake centers providing application assistance, legal services, and/or housing counseling services to homeowners.

Through operating as a Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Intake Center, Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) will serve as a resource and support to distressed low-income homeowners throughout unincorporated Harris County and in areas with concentrations of non-traditional mortgage loans. HCCSD will help eligible homeowners determine if they are eligible for HAF assistance, submit HAF applications online, identify and scan appropriate supporting documentation, sign applications and/or program loan documents, and submit any required hardship certifications.

HCCSD proposes to apply for TDHCA HAF funding to provide assistance with submitting HAF applications to 3,000 distressed low-income households. The application will request \$664,165 to provide these services for a period of 12 months beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2023.

Expected

Impact:

Approval to apply for HAF funding and the receipt of HAF funding will allow HCCSD to assist 3,000 distressed low-income households apply for mortgage assistance, prevent homelessness, and sustain housing stability.

Alternative Options:

There are no other alternative options. The TDHCA HAF funding is the only grant available that provides financial assistance to organizations to assist with submitting HAF application to the State of Texas.

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

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):): 9418 Jensen Dr, Houston, TX 77093

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name	Homeownership Services		
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	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
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Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)

Labor Expenditures	\$6,752	\$77,653	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$46,380	\$533,380	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$53,132	\$611,033	\$

Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)

Existing Budget

	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$

Additional Budget Requested

Grant	\$53,132 53,13253,13253 ,132 \$53,132	\$611,033	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$53,132	\$611,033	\$

Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)

Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: August 2, 2022**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** September 1, 2022**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Martin Negron, Ph. D., Chief Community Services Officer,**CSD Attachments** (if applicable): TDHCA HAF Application