



Legislation Text

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Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable): 220162

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Houston Food Bank

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an agreement with Houston Food Bank in the amount of \$3,500,000 for reducing food insecurities for Public Health Services (ARPA LFRF) for the period of January 10, 2023 - April 30, 2025, in connection with an award approved by Commissioners Court on August 23, 2022 (220162), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible.

Background and Discussion:

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, 0.8M Harris County residents were estimated to be food insecure, with an additional 1.3M residents at risk of food insecurity. The pandemic only exacerbated these challenges, with local food banks seeing significant increases in demand for food. Harris County has been able to provide substantial immediate relief to local organizations, funding \$15.8 million in labor services to food banks across the County via an umbrella grant to the Houston Food Bank.

To continue to address food insecurity, the ARPA Food & Nutrition focus area team recommended seeking opportunities for organizations to:

- Increase access to food and nutrition by improving food distribution infrastructure within Harris County
- Provide services related to food and nutrition in neighborhoods or to individuals that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic or are in known food deserts within Harris County
- Act as an umbrella organization to provide small capacity-building grants to hyperlocal food providers within Harris County.

Harris County Public Health designed an RFP to solicit proposals corresponding to these priorities. Following review of the proposals, the evaluation committee recommended the following awards.

Provider

Award

Houston Food Bank	\$ 3,500,000
Small Places	\$ 816,298
The Common Market Texas	\$ 1,713,672
Urban Harvest, Inc.	\$ 1,470,031
Total	\$ 7,500,000

Expected Impact: Strengthen food distribution infrastructure, support local farmers, and improve County residents’ health through expanded access to food and fresh produce.

Alternative Options: Reissue the RFP to identify alternative proposals.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
5/10/2022	22-2805	Approval of a project scheduled for advertisement and consent for Request for Proposals for Reducing Food Insecurities for Public Health Services (220162).
8/23/2022	22-5048	Approval of contract award on the basis of best proposals meeting requirements to four (4) vendors (220162)

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$3,570,000	\$3,570,000	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$3,570,000	\$3,570,000	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			

Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 1/10/2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Letter and Agreements