



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0245, **Version:** 1

Department: Community Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Thao Costis, Interim Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Memorandum of Understanding

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Houston Housing Collaborative

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 for approval of a memorandum of understanding between Harris County and the Houston Housing Collaborative for development of a regional comprehensive community action plan and housing strategy.

Background and Discussion:

The My Home is Here 10-year Needs Assessment and Strategy, completed in 2021, found that nearly 500,000 Harris County residents are cost-burdened as it relates to housing costs, per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition. In order to address the various causes that contribute to this issue, the study provided various recommendations, including a recommendation to have partners collaborate to foster a comprehensive, affordable housing system. Following this recommendation, the Houston Housing Collaborative ("the Collaborative") and HCCSD have agreed to work together on a comprehensive community action plan and housing strategy.

The purpose of the MOU is to: (1) promote regional collaboration among parties to address housing needs for identified demographic groups; (2) serve as a resource for various stakeholders by researching and providing information regarding topics related to increasing access to affordable housing; and (3) leverage the My Home is Here study to inform Collaborative members and work towards the development of a funded initiative that supports the creation of a regional comprehensive community action plan intended to increase the supply of affordable housing options and economic drivers in unincorporated Harris County.

Expected Impact:

This MOU will set the foundation of the partnership between HCCSD and the Collaborative as it relates to the development of a regional comprehensive community action plan and housing strategy. This plan and strategy will promote cooperation among regional housing stakeholders, thereby improving the region's access to affordable housing. No fiscal impact to the County is anticipated.

Alternative Options:

Not moving forward with this MOU will hinder cooperation among HCCSD and the Collaborative in their mission to improve access to affordable housing.

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

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

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	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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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: January 10, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Rene Martinez, Chief Housing and Community Development Officer, HCCSD

Attachments (if applicable): Memorandum of Understanding