

Public Notice

- 1) The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to award up to \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the SPARK School Park Program and Houston Independent School District (HISD) for construction costs associated with Milne Elementary SPARK Park located at 7800 Portal Houston, TX 77071 in District K. The park is expected to include an outdoor classroom, sidewalks, play equipment, and new entryway. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 2) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$150,000 in CDBG funds to the SPARK School Park Program and HISD for construction costs associated with Whidby Elementary SPARK Park located at 7625 Springhill Houston, TX 77021 located in District D. The park is expected to include a soccer field, sidewalks, fitness equipment, picnic tables and benches. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 3) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$150,000 in CDBG funds to the SPARK School Park Program and Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) for construction costs associated with the construction of Woodview Elementary SPARK Park located at 9749 Cedardale Houston, TX 77055 in District A. The park is expected to include play equipment, fitness equipment, picnic tables, benches and sidewalks. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 4) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to amend a contract agreement with the Star of Hope Mission to allow the transfer of the remaining year of the five-year land use restriction on their current women and family shelter located at 419 Dowling Street in District D to Cornerstone Community, their new women and family shelter located at 2575 Reed Road in District D.

Amending this contract will permit the Star of Hope to sell their current facility and reinvest the proceeds to supplement the cost of construction of Cornerstone Community, a 218,713 square foot facility with a projected construction cost of \$58,600,000. This new facility will serve up to 600 people and offer supportive services such as healthcare, employment readiness assistance, childcare, recovery services and educational opportunities. The remaining year of the land use restriction will expire one year after the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for Cornerstone Community.

The public has thirty days (30) to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day (30) period extends from Friday, November 11, 2016 through Sunday, December 11, 2016. For more information on these items, contact Ana Patino-Martinez at 832.394.6222. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Derek Sellers, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. Upon completion of the public comment period, these items will be submitted to City Council for approval.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Royce Sells at 832.394.6240. For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing/.