The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to award up to $2,400,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds to the Houston Housing Authority (HHA) to operate the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. The funds will assist up to 250 chronically homeless individuals and households with immediate and long-term housing stability by providing short to medium term rent and utility payments, security and utility deposits. These funds will help HHA meet the needs of individuals whose Housing Choice Vouchers were rescinded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) due to budget shortfalls.

The City, through its HCDD, also proposes to award up to $240,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to HHA to operate and administer the TBRA program as previously described above. These funds will derive from the Housing Services activity.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Friday, May 26, 2017 through Sunday, June 25, 2017. For more information, please contact Melody Barr at 832.394.6124. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Derek Sellers, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Street, 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/.