

## Public Notice

- 1) The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to award up to \$4,730,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity (WALIPP)-The Lawson Academy for the acquisition and closing costs of 5.5 acres of land located at 5012 Scott Street, Houston, TX 77004 in City Council District D. The land will be used for the construction of The Lawson Academy campuses for boys and girls for middle school grade levels. The campus will include classrooms, science labs, a library, a cafeteria, administrative offices, and an outdoor sports field and basketball court. 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 for the construction of Bush Elementary SPARK Park located at 9730 Stroud Street, Houston, TX 77099 in City Council District J. The park is expected to include a ¼ mile trail, picnic tables, benches, an outdoor classroom, and shading over playground areas. 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 \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds to Legacy Community Health Services, Inc. for the construction of Legacy Fifth Ward Clinic. The proposed clinic, located at the intersection of Worms Street and Lyons Avenue in City Council District B, will be a two-story, 10,660 square foot building with 15 patient exam rooms, a laboratory, and other essential areas necessary for clinic operations. This proposed clinic will be used to provide a wide range of health services to individuals regardless of their inability to pay. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Public/Private) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 4) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to allocate up to \$169,000 in CDBG funds to the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to improve access to the Independence Heights Community Center for those with disabilities. Located at 603 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, TX 77022 in City Council District H, these improvements will include the construction of four on-street, head-in parking spaces with a wheelchair accessible ramp and pathway leading up to the main entrance of the community center. These improvements will bring the center up to compliance with federal regulations under Title II of the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 5) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$61,500 in CDBG funds to The Children's Assessment Center for the construction of a playground located at 2500 Bolsover Street, Houston, TX 77005 in City Council District C. Improvements will include the purchase and installation of playground equipment, rubber safety surfacing, shaded tables and benches, trash receptacle, landscaping and all necessary related expenses. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 6) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$5,300,000 in CDBG funds to SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc. for the acquisition and renovation of a 22,000 square foot building located at 1710 Telephone Road, Houston, TX 77023 in City Council District I. The renovated building will allow SER-Jobs to expand its classroom and delivery space and create a hub for the community to access services and resources to achieve their career goals. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 7) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$1,500,000 in CDBG funds to the Chinese Community Center for the construction of a new 20,000 square foot, two-story, state licensed adult day care facility. The proposed renovated recreational facility located at 9800 Town Park Drive, Houston, TX 77036 in City Council District F will include a multi-purpose auditorium and provide access to conference/office suites that are available to the community. The recreational facility will also serve at-risk youth and act as a disaster response shelter. The CDBG

funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.

- 8) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to allocate up to \$150,000 in CDBG funds to the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for the construction of accessibility improvements for the Swiney Community Center located at 2812 Cline Street, Houston, TX 77020 in City Council District B. Improvements for this 2.5 acre park include the installation of one on-street ADA parallel parking space, one regular parking space, a wheelchair accessible ramp and uninterrupted pathways that lead to the main entrance of the building. These improvements will bring the center up to compliance with federal regulations under Title II of the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.
- 9) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award up to \$2,800,000 in CDBG funds to Pro-Vision, Inc. for the acquisition and construction of a 30,000 square foot multi-purpose gymnasium located at 4590 Wilmington Street, Houston, TX 77051 in City Council District D. The new gymnasium will provide Pro-Vision's campus with six additional classrooms, a basketball court, and workout facilities for student athletes. The CDBG funds will come from the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public) line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.

The public has thirty days (30) to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Thursday, February 4, 2016 through Saturday, March 5, 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 30 day public comment period, HCDD will enter into a Letter of Agreement with the City Departments identified for items 4 and 8. The remaining projects will be submitted to City Council for approval. For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD's website at [www.houstontx.gov/housing/](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/).