

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing a contract between the City of Houston and Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDi) for \$4,000,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for the renovation of a 29,200 square foot facility, the Bethune Empowerment Center, located at 2500 Victory Drive in the Acres Homes Community.

The City and Aldine Independent School District (AISD) will execute an Operations and Management Agreement to lease the facility to HBDi to manage renovations. Upon completion of renovations, HBDi will operate and manage the Bethune Empowerment Center to effectuate the goals of the community resource center and provide economic opportunities.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Tuesday, November 10, 2020 through Thursday, December 10, 2020. For more information on the program changes, contact Kennisha London at (832) 394-6197. Written comments can be submitted by e-mail to Kennisha.London@HoustonTx.gov. Following the public comment period, this item will be submitted to City Council for approval.

For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD's website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/housing>. For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6308.