

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to select LiftFund, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), to administer the Harvey Economic Development Program (HEDP). LiftFund will receive \$4,250,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery 2017 (CDBG DR-17) funds to administer the Dream Fund Program. The HEDP Dream Fund Program will provide loans and lines of credit that will enable small construction-sector businesses to successfully perform construction work and develop their business capacity as an economic development strategy for the City. By creating access to capital for small contractors, HCDD aims to:

- Support Houston's construction-industry small businesses, which were disproportionately impacted by Hurricane Harvey,
- Address disparities in access to capital and,
- Support small business development

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item from Friday, February 5, 2021 through Sunday, March 7, 2021. For more information, contact Kennisha London at (832) 394-6197. Written comments can be submitted by email to: Kennisha.London@houstontx.gov. Upon completion of the thirty-day public comment period, the proposed item will be submitted to the Houston City Council for approval.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6240. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/complaints/> and <https://recovery.houstontx.gov/request-for-appeal/>.