



**City of Houston Council Committee on Quality of Life
Council Member Julian Ramirez, Chair
Vice Mayor Pro Tem Amy Peck, Vice Chair**

Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz

Council Member Mary Nan Huffman

Council Member Willie Davis

**Notice of City Council Committee Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held in the Anna Russell City Hall Council Chamber,
901 Bagby St., 2nd floor Houston, Texas 77002**

This meeting will offer City of Houston Council Members and their staff the options to participate via videoconference or in-person. The Chair, as presiding officer of the Committee, will be physically present in Council Chamber.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code applicable to a governmental body that extends into three or more counties, all other committee members have the option to participate in-person or virtually via Microsoft Teams. This meeting will also be broadcast on HTC, the City of Houston's Municipal Channel.

To sign up for Public Comment, please fill out the form below by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025:

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I. Welcoming remarks

- Chairman Julian Ramirez
- Vice Chair Amy Peck

II. Public Services

- a. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and SEARCH Homeless Services (SEARCH), providing up to \$100,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for an early childhood development program serving 20 children from low-to moderate-income families (aged 21 months to five years), through SEARCH's Foshee Family House of Tiny Treasures. (District D)
- b. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City and SEARCH, providing up to \$376,669.00 in combined Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and CDBG funds for a Rapid Re-housing Case Management services program to a minimum of 100 homeless households. (All Districts)

Michael Nichols, Director

Melody Barr, Assistant Director

Action may be taken on any item listed above.

For more information on this committee, please contact Leah.Wolfthal@houstontx.gov

III. Director's Comments
Michael Nichols, HCD Director

IV. Public Comments



CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/19/2025

District: D

Item Creation Date: 10/22/2025

HCD25-100

SEARCH Homeless Services

House of Tiny Treasures

Agenda Item: II.a.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and SEARCH Homeless Services (SEARCH), providing up to an additional \$100,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for an early childhood development program serving low-to moderate-income families through SEARCH's Foshee Family House of Tiny Treasures.

This program will provide comprehensive early childhood education to 20 unduplicated children, ages 21 months to five years, and support services to their families. Support services available to families will include case management, counseling, referral services, transportation, and parenting classes designed to reduce barriers and increase household financial stability.

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Program	\$93,244.00	93.24%
Administration	\$6,756.00	6.76%
Total	\$100,000.00	100.00%

HCD conducted a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Childcare and Out-of-School Time Programming in May 2024, with the option for renewal in up to one-year increments at the City's discretion. SEARCH was one of the agencies selected.

The original Agreement term was from November 22, 2024 (Date of Countersignature) through October 31, 2025. An administrative extension was issued for continuing services through November 30, 2025. This Amendment term will be from December 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

As of September 2025, SEARCH is at 135% of their current program goal and expended approximately 91% of total funds allocated. SEARCH has received funding from the City of Houston since 1996 and has had no findings.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required for grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Quality of Life Committee on November 3, 2025.

Michael Nichols, Director

Amount of Funding

\$100,000.00 Federal Government – Grant Fund – (5000)

Prior Council Action:

11/5/2024 (O) 2024-883

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CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 12/3/2025

District: ALL

Item Creation Date: 10/15/2025

HCD25-127

SEARCH Homeless Services – Rapid Re-housing Case Management

Agenda Item: II.b.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and SEARCH Homeless Services, providing up to \$376,669.00 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a program providing Rapid Re-housing Case Management services to a minimum of 100 homeless households.

SEARCH Homeless Services will continue to provide housing stability case management and navigation services to homeless households placed into permanent housing through The Way Home. Case Managers will work to ensure housing stability, assist in resolving landlord-tenant conflicts, and assist with linkages to additional services throughout the household's duration in the program.

CATEGORY	ESG	CDBG	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program	\$327,538.00	\$0.00	\$327,538.00	86.97%
Administration	\$0.00	\$49,131.00	\$49,131.00	13.03%
Total	\$327,538.00	\$49,131.00	\$376,669.00	100.00%

SEARCH Homeless Services was initially selected by Child Care Council, Inc. as a Rapid Re-housing case management service provider while serving as administrator of the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP). To avoid a gap in homeless response system services, the City selected SEARCH Homeless Services from the existing pool of Rapid Re-housing Case Management providers to continue operations.

The initial Agreement period was from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and was administratively extended through February 28, 2025. The First Amendment extended the term through December 31, 2025. This Second Amendment will extend the term and provide funding through December 31, 2026. SEARCH has received funding from the City of Houston since 1996.

As of September 2025, SEARCH has met 95.00% of their goal and utilized approximately 69.91% of its total funds. There were no findings or concerns in the most recent annual compliance monitoring review.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required for grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Quality of Life Committee on November 3, 2025.

Michael Nichols, Director

Prior Council Action:

11-29-2023 (O) 2023-1018; 02-24-2025 (O) 2025-123

Amount of Funding

\$376,669.00 Federal Government – Grant Fund – (5000)

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