



# **Quality of Life Committee**

## **February 2, 2026**

**Michael Nichols, Director**



CITY OF HOUSTON \* HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



# Agenda

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Public Services
- III. Director's Comments
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Adjourn

## **II. Public Services**

Melody Barr, Assistant Director

## II.a. DR-24 Public Services Program Guidelines (All Districts)

An Ordinance adopting the 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl Recovery Public Services – Homeless Services Program Guidelines (Program) to address homelessness by providing financial support to selected sub-recipients that are non-profits and/or units of local government.

Selected sub-recipients will provide shelter operations, case management services, and other services to meet the needs of homeless individuals directly or indirectly impacted by the 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl storms in obtaining stable housing.

## II.a. DR-24 Public Services Program Guidelines (All Districts)

The 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl storms had significant impacts throughout much of Texas, particularly in the City of Houston.

The Derecho windstorm on May 16, 2024, was considered the most damaging wind event to affect Houston in nearly 25 years, causing widespread destruction and leaving a significant portion of the city without electricity.

Hurricane Beryl made landfall on July 8, 2024, as a Category 1 hurricane, producing life-threatening floods. Both catastrophic weather events resulted in extensive damage to homes, infrastructure, and businesses.

## II.a. DR-24 Public Services Program Guidelines (All Districts)

The President of the United States approved Major Disaster Declarations for Texas following the storms on April 26, 2024 (Derecho included with previous flood/storms declaration), and July 9, 2024, respectively.

The Program budget is approximately \$41,040,600.00 funded with Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery 2024 (CDBG-DR24) funds to support long-term recovery efforts.

The City will administer its 2024 Derecho and Hurricane Beryl Recovery Public Services – Homeless Services Program per the Guidelines and HUD CDBG-DR24 regulations and guidance.



## II.b. Catholic Charities Out of School Time Program (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (Catholic Charities),

Providing up to an additional \$100,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

To continue to support an Out of School Time Program for low-to moderate-income families living in Alief Independent School District (Alief ISD) and within the City.

## II.b. Catholic Charities Out of School Time Program (All Districts)

The Out of School Time Program will serve 30 unduplicated households with school-age youth up to 18 years old and living within Alief ISD. The program will take place two days a week for two hours after school during the school year.

The after-school program will incorporate homework assistance, social community skills, and social emotional learning activities including a three-week summer program for students with focus on language, social-emotional and social community support.



## II.b. Catholic Charities Out of School Time Program (All Districts)

The program will create positive partnerships with parents and integrate them into their children's school and communities through parent orientations and parent-teacher meetings.

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

The original Agreement term provided funding from the countersignature date of the City Controller (2/7/2025) through January 31, 2026.

## II.b. Catholic Charities Out of School Time Program (All Districts)

The Agreement was administratively extended through March 31, 2026. This First Amendment term will be April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

As of November 2025, Catholic Charities has expended approximately 52% of their allocated funding and served 103% of their client goal.

Catholic Charities has received funding from the City of Houston since 2003 and has no findings on recent compliance monitoring reports.

## II.c. Covenant House Homeless Services Program (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Third Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Covenant House Texas (Covenant House),

Providing up to an additional \$545,534.00 in a combination of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Homeless Housing and Services Program – Youth (HHSP-Y), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

For the continuation of a Homeless Services program, serving 125 unaccompanied young adults aged 18-24 with shelter and case management services for long-term housing solutions.

## **II.c. Covenant House Homeless Services Program (All Districts)**

Covenant House was initially selected by Child Care Council, Inc. (CCC) as a service provider while CCC was serving as administrator of the City's Homeless Services Program (HSP). To avoid a gap in services, the City selected Covenant House Texas from the existing HSP providers to continue operations.

The initial Agreement period was from April 8, 2024, to March 31, 2025. A First Amendment extended this Agreement through March 31, 2026, and a Second Amendment only provided additional funding.

## II.c. Covenant House Homeless Services Program (All Districts)

This Third Amendment will extend the Agreement through March 31, 2027.

As of December 2025, Covenant House has met 181% of its client goal and utilized approximately 88% of its funds.

Covenant House has received funding from the City of Houston since 2009. There were no findings during their most recent annual compliance monitoring review.

CATEGORY	HHSP-Y	ESG	CDBG	TOTAL	%
Program	\$344,284.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$519,284.00	95%
Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$344,284.00</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,250.00</b>	<b>\$545,534.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

# **III. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Michael Nichols, Director

# **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council Member Julian Ramirez, Chair