

Educational Programs Inspiring Communities (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Third Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Educational Programs Inspiring Communities (d/b/a The H.E.A.R.T. Program) to extend the term of the Agreement through January 31, 2027.

This extension will prevent a gap in services while the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is pending, and will provide an additional \$90,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the administration and operation of the H.E.A.R.T. job training program, which will serve 45 adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.



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H.E.A.R.T. job training program trainees will continue to learn how to operate various vending machines and work concessions at events across the Houston area.

Through its retail program, H.E.A.R.T. trainees receive classroom and hands-on training at an onsite mock CVS store and work on a six-week supervised internship at a local CVS store.

The initial Agreement period was from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, and a First Amendment extended this Agreement through August 31, 2025. An administrative extension extended this Agreement through September 30, 2025.

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The Second Amendment extended the term and provide funding through August 31, 2026. The Third Amendment will extend the term with additional funding to January 31, 2027.

As of July 21, 2026, the H.E.A.R.T. program has served 45 adults, meeting 100% of its goal, and has utilized approximately 88% of its total funds.

The H.E.A.R.T. program has received funding from the City of Houston since 2005. There were no findings during the most recent annual compliance monitoring.

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CATEGORY	Amount	PERCENT
Program	\$81,000.00	90.00%
Administration	\$9,000.00	10.00%
Total	\$90,000.00	100.00%