**Public Notice**

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the Renovation, Operations and Management Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Houston (City) and Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDi), to provide $1,780,000.00 in Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding (EDI-CPF) Funds, $220,000.00 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA-SLFRF) Funds, and $554,650.00 in the City General Funds for the Bethune Empowerment Center Phase 2. Funding for the Bethune Empowerment Center Phase 2 will be used to renovate four buildings (buildings B, C, D, E) at the facility, ultimately providing workforce development, job training and education, and a childcare and learning center.

Renovations at the site will include installation of new mechanical system, electrical and plumbing, kitchen rehabilitation, and interior reconfiguration and build out to provide programmed spaces. Interior renovations include installation of new flooring and carpet, window replacement, and hardware upgrades and paint.

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| **Sources and Amounts**  |
| **Sources** | **Amount** |
| Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding Funds |  $ 1,780,000.00  |
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act |  $ 220,000.00  |
| City of Houston - General Funds  |  $ 554,650.00  |
| Total  |  $ 3,678,400.00  |

The public has seven (7) days to comment on this proposed item. The seven-day period extends from Tuesday, August 8, 2023, through Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Upon completion of the 7-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council.

For additional information on this item, contact Metchm Lohoues-Washington at (832) 394-6180. Written comments can be submitted by email to Anne.Lohoues-Washington@houstontx.gov .

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html and https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD’s website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.