Housing & Community
Affairs
Committee









#### **HCDD Agenda**

- I. Welcome/Call to Order
- II. Public Services
- III. Real Estate
- IV. Disaster Recovery (Pulled)
- V. Director's Comments
- VI. Houston Housing Authority
- VII. Baker Ripley
- VIII. Public Comments





## Item II.a. – PUBLIC SERVICES Avenue 360 (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Houston Area Community Services (HACS) dba Avenue 360, to provide up to \$185,755.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) funds to help prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

HACS will provide Short Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMUA) with supportive services for a minimum of seventy (70) HOPWA-eligible households that have been impacted by COVID-19 to prevent homelessness.

Supportive services include case management services, nutrition services, transportation, and infection control supplies/personal protective equipment.





### Item II.a. – PUBLIC SERVICES Avenue 360 (All Districts)

HACS is one of the participating agencies in the City's HOPWA program and has been selected to expand their capacity amid the COVID-19 pandemic to further assist in prevention of homelessness. HACS began receiving HOPWA funds through the City in 2000.

\*On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, authorized a special allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to states and local jurisdictions to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).



### Item III.a. – PUBLIC SERVICES Avenue 360 (All Districts)

This agreement provides program funding for a twelve month period from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percent
Administrative	\$18,575.00	10%
Supportive Services	\$60,000.00	32.3%
STRMUA	\$107,180.00	57.7%
Total	\$185,755.00	100%





# Item II.b. – PUBLIC SERVICES Brentwood Community Foundation (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Brentwood Economic Community Development Corporation (Brentwood) dba Brentwood Community Foundation, providing up to \$133,913.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) funds to help prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

Brentwood will provide Short Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMUA) with supportive services for a minimum of eighty (80) HOPWA-eligible households that have been impacted by COVID-19, to prevent homelessness. Supportive services include case management, mental health counseling, and nutritional services.





# Item II.b. – PUBLIC SERVICES Brentwood Community Foundation (All Districts)

Brentwood is one of the participating agencies in the City's HOPWA program and has been selected to expand their capacity amid the COVID-19 pandemic to further assist in prevention of homelessness. Brentwood began receiving HOPWA funds through the City in 1995.

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# Item II.b. – PUBLIC SERVICES Brentwood Community Foundation (All Districts)

This agreement provides funding for a 12-month period from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percent
Administrative	\$13,391.00	10%
Supportive Services	\$15,702.00	11.7%
STRMUA	\$104,820.00	78.3%
Total	\$133,913.00	100%





### Item II.c. – PUBLIC SERVICES Catholic Charities (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (Catholic Charities), providing up to \$421,251.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) funds to help prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

Catholic Charities will provide Short Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMUA) with supportive services for a minimum of fifty (50) HOPWA-eligible households that have been impacted by COVID-19, to prevent homelessness. Supportive services include case management, life skills, and support groups as well as permanent housing placement services that include the first month's rent and deposits.





# Item II.c. – PUBLIC SERVICES Catholic Charities (All Districts)

Catholic Charities is one of the participating agencies in the City's HOPWA program and has been selected to expand their capacity amid the COVID-19 pandemic to further assist in prevention of homelessness. Catholic Charities began receiving HOPWA funds through the City in 2003.

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# Item II.c. – PUBLIC SERVICES Catholic Charities (All Districts)

This contract provides funding for a 12-month period from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Category	Total Contract Amount	Percent
Administrative	\$42,126.00	10%
Supportive Services	\$79,875.00	19%
Supportive Services (Permanent Housing Placement)	\$11,250.00	3%
STRMUA	\$288,000.00	68%
Total	\$421,251.00	100%





### Item II.d. – PUBLIC SERVICES Montrose Center (All Districts)

An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and The Montrose Center, providing \$670,220.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) funds to help prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

The Montrose Center will provide Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMUA), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and supportive services to a minimum of 180 HOPWA-eligible households impacted by COVID-19, to prevent homelessness. Supportive services include permanent housing placement services (PHPS), case management, professional counseling and other supportive services.





### Item II.d. – PUBLIC SERVICES Montrose Center (All Districts)

The Montrose Center is one of the participating agencies in the City's HOPWA program and has been selected to expand their capacity amid the COVID-19 pandemic to further assist in the prevention of homelessness.

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# Item II.d. – PUBLIC SERVICES Montrose Center (All Districts)

This agreement provides funding for a 12-month period from July 15, 2020 - July 15, 2021.

Category	Total	Percent
Administrative	\$66,019.00	9.85%
Supportive Services	\$85,701.86	12.79%
Supportive Services - PHPS	\$8,489.14	1.27 %
STRMU	\$310,010.00	46.25%
TBRA	\$200,000.00	29.84%
Total	\$670,220.00	100.00%





An Ordinance authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC), providing up to \$647,637.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds for the following services:

- 1.Case management for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- 2. Non-congregant emergency shelter;
- 3. Security Services; and
- 4. Client supplies, food and transportation services

HAWC will provide these emergency services to women, children, and men who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and residing in the city of Houston.





COVID-19, social isolation and social distancing has increased the number of domestic violence incidents and families fleeing domestic violence, creating a greater need for family safety. HAWC will deploy a COVID-19 emergency shelter response model, based on the current SAFE HARBOR approach that is used when shelter is at capacity and a high-risk situation requires immediate intervention.

ESG-CV funds will provide 100% of the total cost of this activity. This is HAWC's first ESG-CV contract.





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The term of this contract will be July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.

Category	Contract Amount	Percentage
Program Administration	\$60,453.65	9.33%
Program Services	\$587,183.35	90.67%
Total	\$647,637.00	100%





Seller will convey the land to the City subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

- 1. The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for a use that is compatible with open space, recreational, or floodplain and wetlands management practices.
- 2. No new structure will be erected on property acquired, accepted, or from which a structure was removed under the acquisition or relocation program other than: (a) a public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space (e.g., a park, campground, or outdoor recreation area); (b) a rest room; or (c) a flood control structure.

3. No subsequent application for additional disaster assistance for any purpose or to repair damage or make improvements of any sort will be made by the recipient to any Federal entity in perpetuity.

The Purchase Price is \$10,700,000.00, is based on appraisal, plus additional due diligence and closing costs totaling approximately \$100,000.00.

The MVB Program was approved by Ordinance No. 2019-109, adopted on February 19, 2019.





The Seller understands that there is no obligation to sell the Property under the MVB Program, but the seller does so voluntarily, and that power of eminent domain will not be used to acquire the Property. The purchase of the Property is subject to environmental clearance from HUD and other approvals from the program guidelines from the Texas General Land Office.

The following is a breakdown of estimated costs:

Sources	Amount	Uses
CDBG- DR16	\$10,700,000.00	Purchase Price
CDBG- DR16	\$100,000.00	Estimated Due Diligence & closing costs
Total	\$10,800,000.00	Estimated Total









An Ordinance authorizing an Option Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Lavender Apartments, LLC (Seller), providing \$4,100,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery 2017 (CDBG - DR17) funds for the purchase of 5117 Lavender Street (Property), which is eligible under the CDBG - DR17 Harvey Buyout (HB) Program.

The Property comprises approximately 2.4926 acres of land and 40,000 sq. ft of improvements, and is located at 5117 Lavender Street, Houston, TX 77026. The \$4,000,000.00 purchase price is based on appraisal, plus additional due diligence and closing costs totaling approximately \$100,000.00. The HB Program was approved by Ordinance No. 2020-0181, adopted on March 10, 2020.



Seller will convey the land to the City subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

- 1. The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for a use that is compatible with open space, recreational, or floodplain and wetlands management practices.
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The Seller understands that there is no obligation to sell the Property under the HB Program, but the seller does so voluntarily, and that power of eminent domain will not be used to acquire the Property.

The purchase of the Property at 5117 Lavender is subject to environmental clearance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other approvals from the program guidelines from the Texas General Land Office.





The following is a breakdown of expected costs:

Sources	Amount	Uses
CDBG- DR17	\$4,000,000.00	Estimated Purchase Price
CDBG- DR17	\$100,000.00	Estimated Due Diligence closing post maintenance costs
Total	\$4,100,000.00	Estimated Total







# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

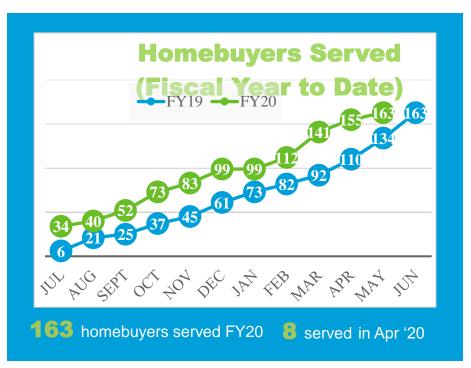
#### **Community Office Hours**







#### **Homebuyer Assistance Program**

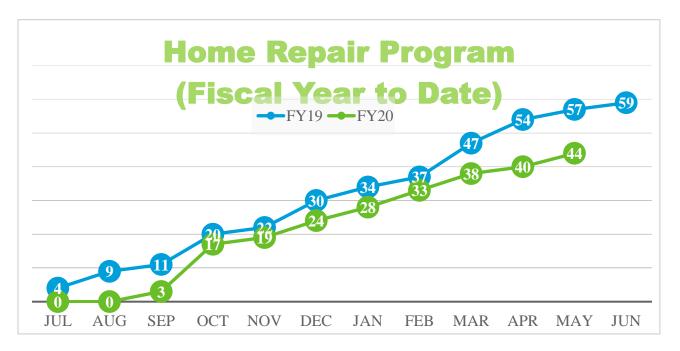


Provides up to \$30,000 to help Houstonians purchase a home





#### Single Family Home Repair Program



Repairs and reconstructs existing homes for homeowners





#### **New Home Development Program**



NHD builds new homes for sale at affordable prices





#### Other Programs (Fiscal Year to Date)

36,595

Service Visits – Public Services (FY '20)

10

Projects under construction – Public Facilities (FY '20)

Note: Public Services numbers have a one-month lag in reporting due to the nature of these programs.





# **Spending by Program Area FY19 vs. FY20**







# THANK YOU!



#### HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Introduction & Major Development Updates







### **OUR MISSION**

To improve lives by providing quality, affordable housing options and promoting education and economic self-sufficiency





## **AGENDA**

- I. Introduction
- II. Major Development Updates

#### HOUSTON'S HOUSING LANDSCAPE

HOUSTON RANKS



FOR SEVERE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGES

IN TEXAS IN THE U.S.

OUR CITY ONLY HAS

## 19 UNITS

THAT ARE AFFORDABLE FOR EVERY 100 HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED

430,000

HOUSTON RENTER
HOUSEHOLDS (ALOMST 50%)
ARE COST-BURDENED, MEANING
THEY SPEND MORE THAN 30%
OF INCOME ON RENT

STRUGGLING TO FIND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING:



TEACHERS & CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS •
POLICE OFFICERS • FIRE FIGHTERS • MEDICAL PERSONNEL
(NURSES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, HOME HEALTH AIDES) •
CITY EMPLOYEES • MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS
(BARISTAS, FOOD SERVICE, RETAIL AND GROCERY
WORKERS) • BUS DRIVERS • JANITORS &
CUSTODIANS • HOUSEKEEPERS & NANNIES

#### **HHA DEMOGRAPHICS**

## OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HOUSTON.

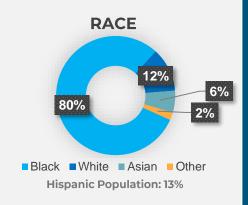
## NEARLY HALF OF HOUSTONIANS SERVED ARE CHILDREN.

PROGRAM	PEOPLE SERVED	AVAILABLE UNITS	WAITLIST
Public Housing	7,698	3,231	103,933 *includes PBRA
Tax Credits	5,560	2,368	4,266
Housing Choice Voucher Program	45,025	18,093	25,571
TOTAL	58,283	23,692	133,770

#### **PUBLIC HOUSING**

Average Income: \$12,238

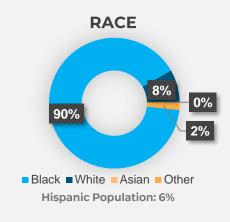
AGE DEMOGRAPHICS				
62+ (ELDERLY)	14%			
18-64	37%			
17 & UNDER	49%			



#### **HCVP**

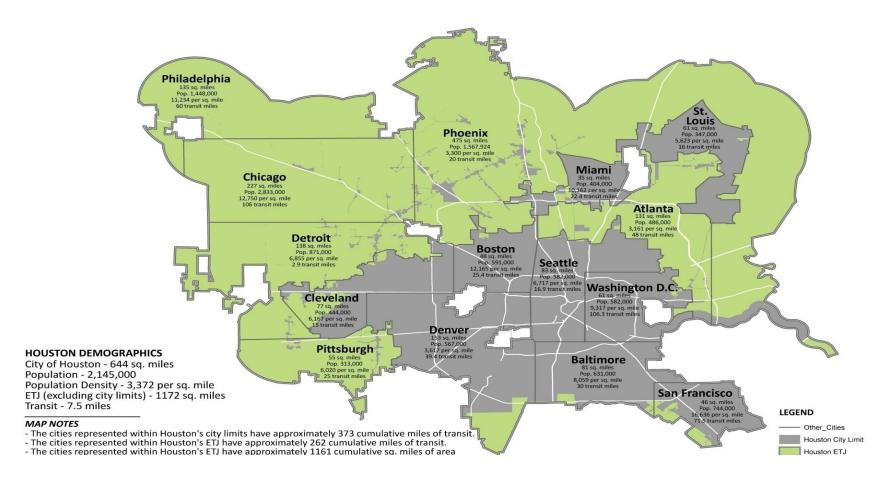
Average Income: \$14,789

AGE DEMOGRAPHICS			
62+ (ELDERLY)	9%		
18-64	44%		
17 & UNDER	47%		



Note: numbers are rounded

#### **HHA's JURISDICTION**



## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER OPERATIONS

SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19 HHA HAS PERFORMED HUNDREDS OF



VIRTUAL INSPECTIONS

ALL BRIEFINGS ARE NOW CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM



ZOOM BRIEFINGS HAS ALLOWED HHA TO SUCCESSFULLY ISSUE VOUCHERS WITHOUT IN-PERSON MEETINGS

VOUCHERS ARE EMAILED TO CLIENTS TO ENDORSE REMOTELY USING THEIR DEVICES



THE OUTBOUND CALL CENTER HAS MADE

14,542

WELLNESS CALLS

SINCE APRIL 14

## PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATIONS



MULTIFAMILY & ROSS SERVICE COORDINATORS PROVIDED

474 INTAKE / ASSESSMENTS

2,195 PHONE CONTACTS

91 REFERRALS

SINCE APRIL

HHA SECTION 3 PROGRAM
PROVIDED

275 ENROLLMENTS & TEMP. AGENCY REGISTRATIONS

551 PHONE CONTACTS

151 REFERRALS



SINCE APRIL

#### **DONATIONS**

OUR KIND PARTNERS AT ZOE'S KITCHEN, THE YMCA SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM AND THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK ENABLED US TO PROVIDE

28,160
MEALS







## MAJOR DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



#### MIXED-INCOME APPROACH

Mixed-income communities are an innovative housing model that HHA is implementing in development efforts.

#### WHAT ARE MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITIES?

A community comprised of housing units at different levels of affordability. This typically include market rate units and units for low- and middle-income housesolds.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITIES?



REDUCED ECONOMIC SEGREGATION



AVOID DISPLACEMENT OF GENTRIFIED COMMUNITIES



PROPERTY VALUES



INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- & MID- INCOME FAMILIES

## MIXED-INCOME HOUSING BENEFITS COMMUNITIES.

Mixed-income housing is a model for affordable housing intended to provide safe, quality housing for people with diverse income classifications.

Mixed-income housing communities include diverse types of housing:



SINGLE-FAMIL



**APARTMENTS** 



TOWNHOME

Mixed-income housing increases property values, stabilizes and diversifies communities, and results in better quality homes and services.\*

"SOURCE: STANFORD GSB. "WHO WANTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING THEIR BACKYARD? AN EQUILIBIRIUM ANALYSIS OF LOW INCOME PROPERTY."

#### **BENEFITS**

Mixed-income communities can help Houston confront the issues of income inequality and residential economic segregation growing across the city.

HUD states mixed-income housing raises the standard of living for low-income residents.\*



"SOURCE: HUD OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENTAND RESEARCH (PD&R), "CONFRONTING CONCENTRATED POVERT WITH A MIXED-INCOME STRATEGY," 2015

#### **WORKFORCE HOUSING**

While Public Housing and HVCP support lower-income Houstonians, HHA also provides workforce housing to mid-income professionals.

>50% AMI

RETAIL AND GROCERY CASHIERS, BARISTAS, FOOD SERVERS, HOME HEALTH AIDES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, YARD WORKERS, JANITORS & HOUSEKEEPERS

50-80% AMI BUS DRIVERS, NANNIES, SECURITY GUARDS, TEACHER'S ASSISTANTS, RECEPTIONISTS, NAIL TECHNICIANS, RESTAURANT COOKS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

80% AMI

TEACHERS, FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, PARALEGALS, BOOKKEEPERS, JOURNALISTS



## WHAT IS WORKFORCE HOUSING?

Workforce housing is housing designed to provide employed, middle-income workers the opportunity to avoid displacement caused by rising home prices.

Workforce housing provides employed essential workers like police officers and

police officers and teachers access to quality, affordable homes in close proximity to their jobs

#### **FAST FACTS:**

To qualify for workforce housing, applicant(s) must adhere to area median income (AMI) limits which states that an applicant's income cannot exceed 80% of the AMI in order to be eligible. HUD calculates AMI on an annual basis for each metropolitan area and nonmetropolitan county, making adjustments for household size.

EXAMPLE:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE 80% AREA MEDIAN INCOME

HUD MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS

1- person \$42,750 2-person \$48,850 3-person \$54,950 WHO BENEFITS
FROM
WORKFORCE
HOUSING?







HOUSTO

## EAST END

- Identified as a Complete Community by the City of Houston with need for affordable housing.
- 51% of Second Ward renters are cost-burdened and historic residents face gentrification.
- Clayton Homes & Kelly Village residents face displacement with I-45 expansion & HHA is required to build replacement units within a 2-mile radius
- Innovative mixed-income approach will foster an income-diverse community with deeply affordable, affordable (workforce housing) and market-rate units.
- HHA reports to several entities and follows HUD processes to ensure East End efforts are safe, fair and permissible.

#### **CLAYTON HOMES REPLACEMENT**



## **STANDARD ON JENSEN**Developer: Ojala

**Community type:** Tax credit, mixed income

#### 600 Units:

- 51% affordable (85 Clayton replacement units; remaining are workforce
- 49% market rate

## **800 MIDDLE ST** Developer: NRP

**Community type:** Tax credit, mixed income

#### Units:

- Phase 1: 385 affordable units (95 will be Clayton replacement)
- Phase 2: Mixed income, which will blend market rate and affordable
- Phase 3: 100+ townhomes with affordable homeownership opportunity

### **800 MIDDLE ST**



#### **STANDARD ON JENSEN**



#### **CLAYTON RELOCATION PLAN**

- Hurricane Harvey destruction forced 112 Clayton families to relocate.
- HHA's initial plan was to complete construction and welcome remaining Clayton families to their new community before the Tx-DOT demolition.
- NIMBY opposition have stalled efforts, and now Clayton Homes and some Kelly Village families will be required to move twice.
- HHA has identified a relocation firm to ensure residents are informed and provided their rights under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA) and to assist residents coordinate and plan their move.
- Once the East End communities are built, relocated Clayton and Kelly (373 households) residents will receive first right of refusal to return.

## SENIOR DEVELOPMENTS

- HHA serves more than 1,000 Houston seniors through public housing.
- 2100 Memorial and Telephone Rd will see major renovations and modernized improvements.

#### 2100 MEMORIAL







- 196-unit senior affordable housing community 4% Tax Credit with Columbia Residential
- Will be designed with underground detention to prevent future flooding

#### **TELEPHONE RD**



- 200-unit affordable senior community
- HHA's first 9% tax credit with a funding award of \$19.4 million over a span of 10 years to upgrade and modernize one of the agency's oldest affordable senior communities

## PFC DEVELOPMENTS

- There is a severe shortage of affordable housing in the City of Houston. Few tools are available that allow HHA to consistently acquire or develop safe, quality housing with long-term affordability. A public facility corporation ("PFC") is a dependable tool permitted by Chapter 303 of the Texas Local Government Code for that public purpose.
- PFCs, when used by housing authorities, can provide an efficient, valuable incentive to encourage developers and investors to acquire and build affordable housing.

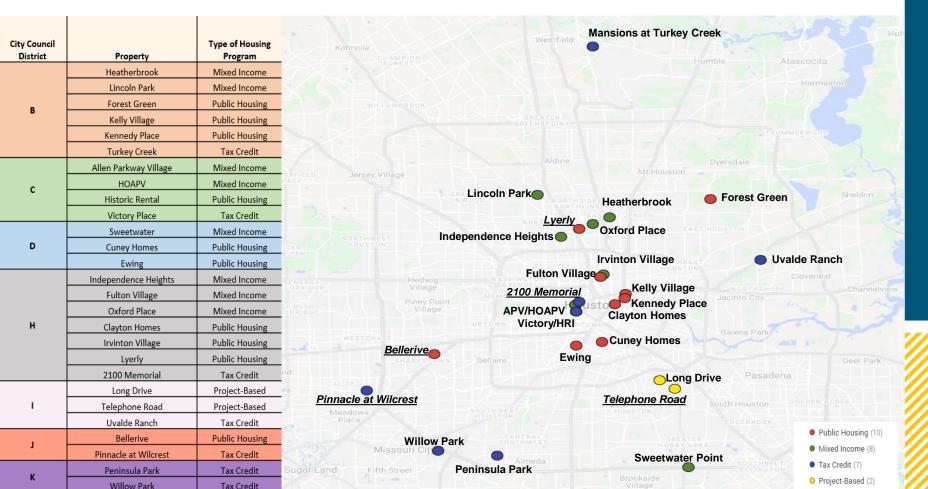
### STANDARD HEIGHTS (EXAMPLE OF PFC DEAL)



- 301-unit, mixed-income community developed through a public-private partnership
- 51% of the units will be set-aside to residents earning at or below 80% of the area median income
- Units are set to be delivered in the second quarter of 2020.

## HHA DEVELOPMENTS

#### **CURRENT PROPERTIES**



### **FUTURE MIXED-INCOME DEVELOPMENTS**

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			3 Smart Living at Telephone
			4 Winrock/San Felipe Apartm
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	1300 North Oak Post	Mixed Income	6 Red Line Station Apartment
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## THANKYOU



## City of Houston Rental Assistance Program

Presentation to Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Monday June 22, 2020

Presenter - Rene Solis, Chief Program Officer

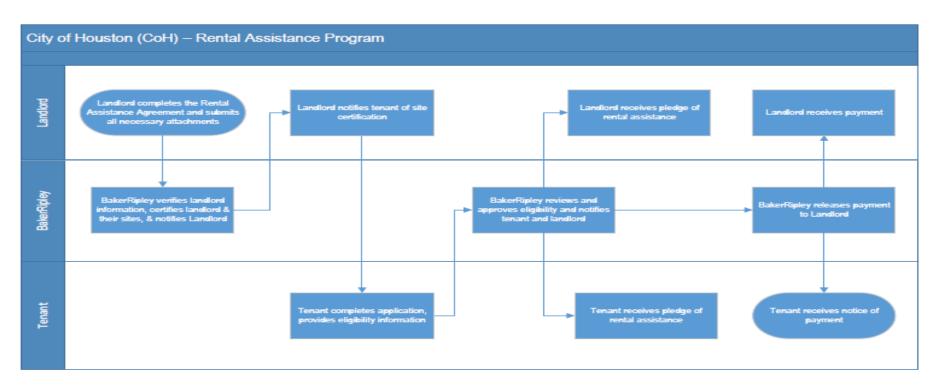


## Agenda

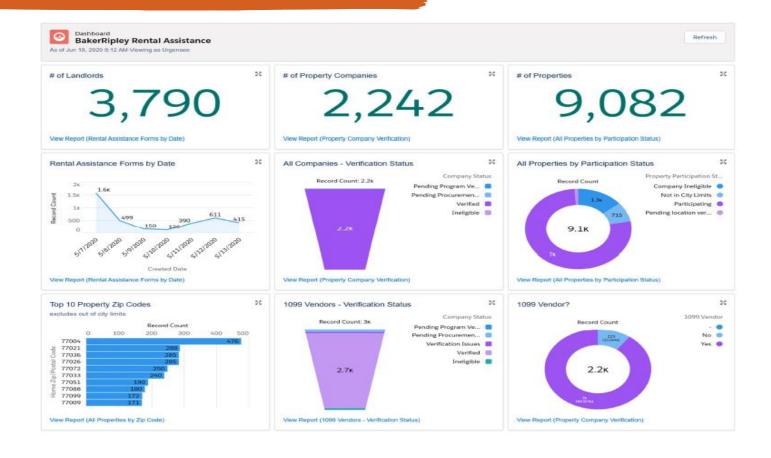
- discuss the Program Design of the city of Houston rental assistance program
- 2. discuss results of landlord participation
- 3. discuss results of tenant applications
- discuss results of payments
- discuss results of social vulnerability Equity analysis & final steps of the program

## Program Design – The Texas Two-Step

Our goal was to enroll participating Landlords and accept Tenant applications in such a way to ensure timely and accurate payments



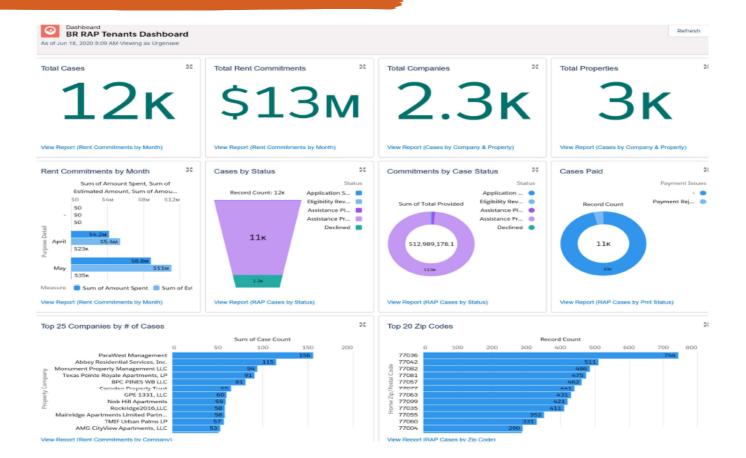
## Results-Landlord Participation



## Results—Landlord Participation

- Successes from landlord enrollment
  - 9,082 rental properties
  - Over 7,000 properties became "Participating Landlords"
  - Close to 3,000 properties had tenant applications connected to the location
  - Landlords confirming/correcting amounts of rent due
- Challenges arising from landlord enrollment
  - Properties not inside the City of Houston
  - Properties outside of Harris county but still inside City of Houston
  - Properties that were commercial/retail properties
  - Incorrect W9-EIN/SSN verification

## Results—Tenant Applications



## Results—Tenant Applications

- Successes from Tenant Applications
  - On 5/13<sup>th</sup> at 10am, over 30,000 individuals were ready to enroll
  - System closed within 90 minutes after 11,881 Tenant applications had been received and all funds encumbered
  - Majority of Tenants (10,586) certified eligibility correctly and included supporting document to verify identity – Photo ID or Utility Bill
  - 11,881 applications connected to close to 3,000 properties
- Challenges arising from Tenant Applications
  - Slow system response during the first 20 minutes
  - > 1,200 (10%) Tenant Applications were declined because of duplicate applications;
     property not linked to Participating Landlords; Tenant did not owe rent; or Tenant was not eligible.

## Results – Payments

- Successes from Payments
  - \$12.8 million (89%) of funds were paid within 30 days of Tenant Application (by 6/13/20)
  - Payments made on behalf of 10,586 Renters
  - Payments made to nearly 3,000 landlord properties
  - Pledge, Payment, and Statement Notifications to Landlords and Tenants went well. Good Communication.
- Challenges in Payments
  - Incorrect amounts reported in Tenant Applications Refunds
  - Returned ACH's incorrect LL bank information
  - Delay in reimbursement from the City of Houston

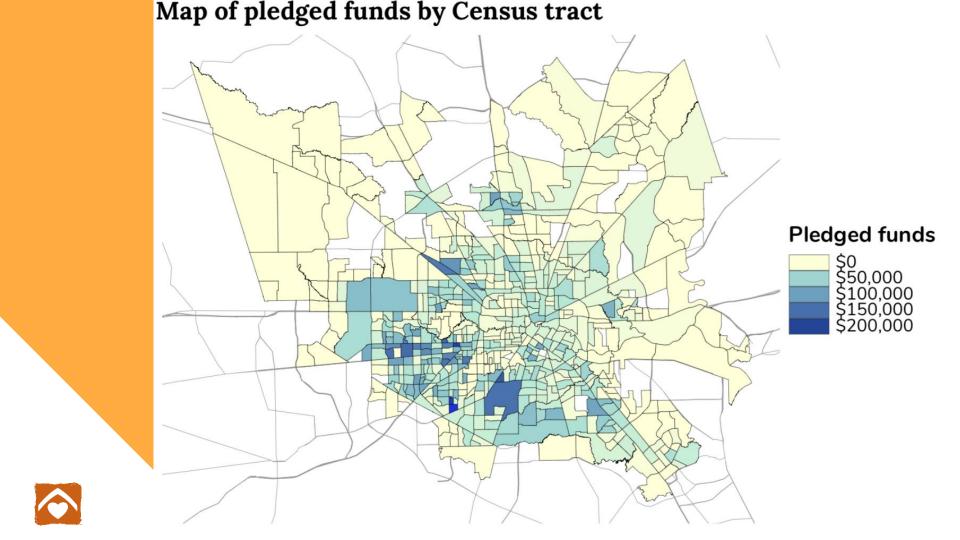
## Results – Social Vulnerability

- The Declined Applications (1,207) led to new opportunity
- Approx. \$1.5m in Rental Assistance Funds available for 'equity adjustments'
- Payment Data was evaluated in conjunction with Social Vulnerability Index and the number of rental properties within the City of Houston
- New Targets by Zip Code were established and additional enrollment is being pursued with the remaining funds

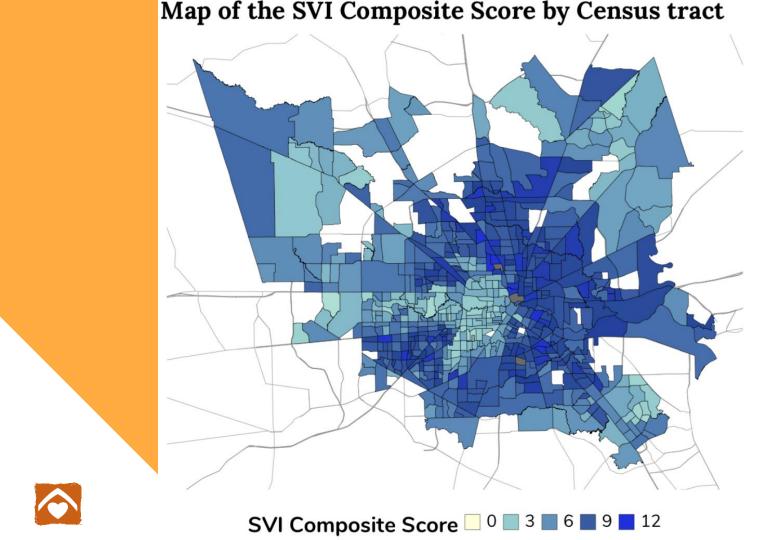
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## **Equity analysis**





## Map of the number of renter occupied units by Census tract Number of renter occupied units 500 1,000 1,500 2,000



#### $Equitable\ Pledge_T = Equity\ Ratio_T imes Total\ Pledged$

where

$$Equity \ Ratio_T = rac{Expected \ Pledge_T imes Composite \ SVI \ Score_T}{\sum_{T=1}^{N} (Expected \ Pledge_T imes Composite \ SVI \ Score_T)}$$

and

$$Expected\ Pledge_T = rac{Total\ Pledged}{\sum_{T=1}^{N}\ Est.\ Renter\ Units_T} imes\ Est.\ Renter\ Units_T$$

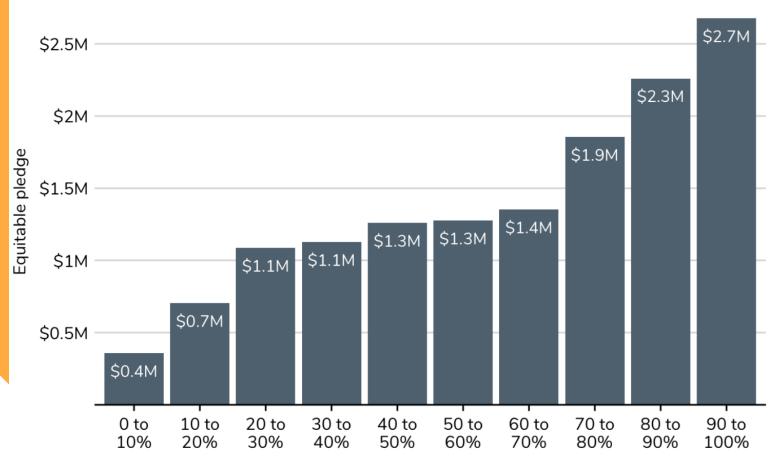
and

Est. Renter  $Units_T = Renter\ Units_T\ imes \%\ Overlap\ with\ CoHBoundary_T$ 



### The equitable distribution of pledged funds

Given the number of renter occupied units and Composite SVI Score

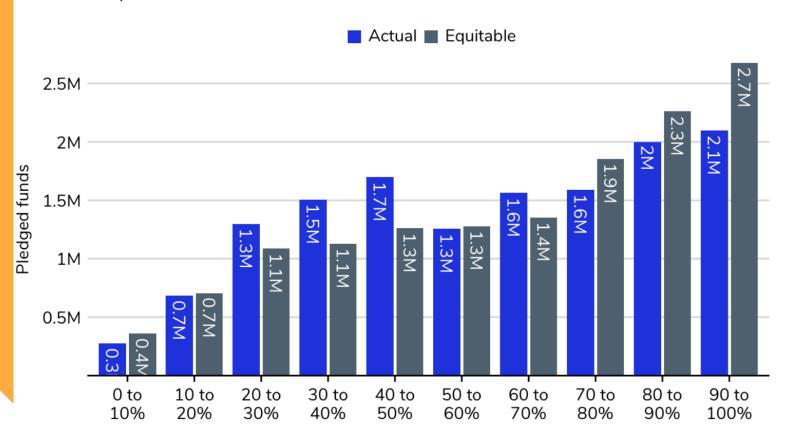




Composite SVI Percentile

### Pledged funds by Composite SVI Percentile bracket

Actual vs. equitable\*

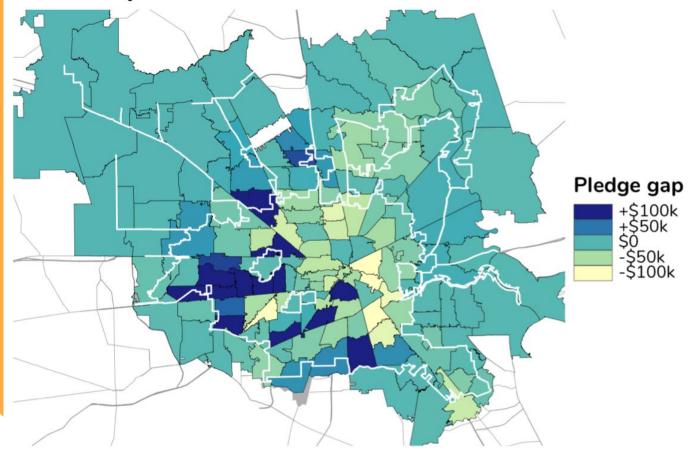




Composite SVI Percentile

<sup>\*</sup> based on renter occupied units and Composite SVI Score

## Map of the gap between actual and equitable pledge amounts by ZIP Code





# 10 Most Underserved ZIP Codes Composite SVI Composite SVI Pledge Gap 77074 \$226,917 88.1% -\$121,332 77020 \$70,004 83.0% -\$115,142

-\$108,490

-\$105,211

-\$90,782

-\$83,913

-\$82,659

-\$73,340

-\$70,720

-\$70,470

91.9%

70.4%

68.9%

73.3%

69.6%

83.7%

46.7%

91.1%

\$120,105

\$47,742

\$43,932

\$122,301

\$111,665

\$263,966

\$58,234

\$147,910

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