



Port Houston Community Grants Program 2023 Grant Recipients

1. Rebuilding Together Houston

Program: Community Revitalization Program

Location: Magnolia Park, Manchester

Funding amount: \$50,000

Overview: Through the Community Revitalization Program, Rebuilding Together Houston (RTH) serves low-income homeowners in the Magnolia Park-Manchester neighborhood to bring older homes to a safer and healthier condition. RTH's goal for the 2023 Community Revitalization Program is to provide repairs to 60 single-family homes (impacting approximately 75 individuals) and safety modifications to as many of the qualified homeowner applications as possible.

2. SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc

Program: SERJobs CDL Training and Wraparound Services

Location: Houston & Harris County

Funding amount: \$30,000

Overview: SERJobs focuses on serving historically-marginalized populations from low-income, at-risk areas across Greater Houston, including veterans, ex-offenders, opportunity youth, and others experiencing barriers to employment. Through this workforce program, SERJobs will increase individuals' job readiness skills and provide CDL (Commercial Driver's License) training and wraparound services to train and prepare forty (40) of Greater Houston's in-need residents for well-paying transportation jobs in the region.

3. STEM·E Youth Career Development Program

Program: STEAM-focused workforce-development program for youth

Location: Houston & Harris County (Magnolia Park, Pleasantville, Galena Park, Jacinto City, Channelview, LaPorte, Pasadena and Baytown)

Funding amount: \$30,000



Overview: This STEM·E program provides students the opportunity to be trained and placed in critical professional roles, such as learning and applying data analytics to impact the field of STEM education. Additionally, these students will have the opportunity to lead teams currently developing STEM websites, apps and games, targeted to benefit underserved populations. Furthermore, students will be provided with critical and professional skills training to develop a STEM-focused club in their school or through local small businesses to make a difference that directly impacts their community.

4. Educational Programs Inspiring Communities Inc. (dba The H.E.A.R.T. Program)

Program: HEART Program Vocational Training & Summer Internship Houston Food Bank

Location: Houston & Harris County

Funding amount: \$25,000

Overview: The HEART Program will partner with the Houston Food Bank to provide a valuable, educational opportunity, combined with real-life work experience to youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). This program will serve up to 60 low-income youth with I/DD annually as they prepare to leave the public-school system and transition into careers and adulthood.

5. Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA)

Program: Second Century Vision Program

Location: Houston & Harris County (LaPorte, Seabrook, Deer Park, Pasadena, Clear Lake, Webster, Baytown, Highlands, Galena Park, Channelview, and South Houston)

Funding amount: \$15,000

Overview: BOCODA focuses on providing critical services to address and better manage major health risks in our Port communities. This program delivers screenings, assessments, and counseling by a Licensed Chemical Dependent Counselor for those experiencing consequences of substance use disorders (available in both English and Spanish) to in order to allow individuals the opportunity to re-enter the workforce. These services are free and serve individuals and families living at poverty level or with restricted incomes.



6. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Houston/Galveston Inc.

Program: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Location: Channelview and East Harris County

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Overview: This Ronald McDonald House program aims to address the medical needs of underserved and uninsured children in our local communities, so they can achieve the health and well-being to be successful. Support for this initiative will benefit the ongoing Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM) program, help launch the new mental and behavioral health unit (MHBHU), and expand the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile's reach to benefit more children in our Port communities. The state-of-the-art mobile medical clinic, which is staffed by clinicians from Texas Children's Hospital, offers critically important care at no cost to families, predominately those without health insurance for their children.

7. Houston Community Toolbank

Program: School Beautification and Tool Lending

Location: Houston & Harris County (Denver Harbor, 5th Ward, Greater East End, Pleasantville, Kashmere Gardens)

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Overview: In an effort to direct resources into our local community, the ToolBank focuses on connecting with schools in-and-around the Port to provide cleanup and beautification support to enhance their outdoor spaces. The Houston ToolBank will continue to grow their School Program through the launch of a pilot training course called "Tool School", in addition to the school beautification and greenspace improvement projects currently being conducted.

8. SPARK Park

Program: Port Houston Elementary SPARK Park

Location: Turning Basin

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Overview: The SPARK School Park Program works with public schools to re-develop their aging playgrounds into new community parks with inclusive equipment. The SPARK Park at Port Houston Elementary is located in a park desert and is in great need of reSPARKing, as the play equipment is over twenty years old and creates safety issues for the students.



SPARK will work closely with the neighboring community to address their needs and wants for the new outdoor recreational area.

9. Momentum Education

Program: Momentum Education STEAM Career Success Mentorship Program

Location: Pasadena

Funding Amount: \$5,000

Overview: The goal of this initiative is to expand the STEAM Career Success Mentorship program from 46 students in the 2022-2023 school year to 75 students during the 2023-2024 school year. Through this program, their staff will recruit college students from local schools who are all first-generation, low-income students who aspire to reach a career goal in the STEAM field and match them with proper teachers and mentees to ensure skills training and future career success.

10. Harris Health System

Program: Food Rx Program at Strawberry Health Center

Location: Pasadena

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Overview: Harris Health's Food Rx program is an award-winning, evidence-based food prescription intervention. Harris Health started in 2018 in partnership with the Houston Food Bank and the UT School of Public Health. The initiative focuses on increasing health equity and reducing health disparities in our local port communities. The Food Farmacy at Strawberry Health Center opened in May 2019, and now serves an average of 1,356 local individuals each year, providing over 40,000 pounds of healthy, fresh foods for patients and families living in this community.



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11. Our Promise for West Baytown, Inc

Program: Seeds of Promise

Location: Baytown

Funding amount: \$20,000

Overview: The Seeds of Promise program aims to expand their food pantry programs to better support all 26 neighborhoods in West and South Baytown that are currently designated as food deserts. With little access to local grocery stores and fresh fruits and vegetables, these neighborhoods will benefit from the food assistance programs, including the launch of their "Grow Your Own Food" classes. These classes will initially focus on 30 local households and teach them to grow, harvest, and prepare their food in order to create healthier families and communities.

12. Clothed by Faith

Program: School Partnership Programs

Location: Galena Park ISD, Goose Creek ISD, Pasadena ISD, Deer Park ISD

Funding Amount: \$7,000

Overview: Clothed by Faith's mission is to provide immediate access to clothing for local families and students in need. Support for the School Partnership program will allow their organization to provide clothing and school uniforms to 400 children and adults through requests from schools in Galena Park ISD, Goose Creek ISD, Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD.

13. Bayou Preservation Association

Program: Improving Waterways through Action & Education

Location: Channelview, Galena Park, Jacinto City

Funding Amount: \$13,000

Overview: Bayou Preservation Association aims to address the environmental needs of the local communities through their Improving Waterways program. This initiative focuses on creating trash removal events and the installation of educational signage, such as at Fonteno Park. This program's approach also focuses on increasing community engagement and participation, ensuring that those communities most affected by litter and marine debris are involved in decision-making processes and activities.



14. City of Pasadena

Program: Floatable Capture Gates and Work Force Training

Location: Pasadena

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Overview: This project aims to purchase, install and maintain floatable capture gates in the Armand Bayou, Vince Bayou and Little Vince Bayou watersheds. These structural controls are designed to capture trash and marine debris in the smaller urban drainage channels before these pollutants can reach Galveston Bay or the Houston Ship Channel.

15. Young Audiences of Houston

Program: Full STEAM Ahead! with Young Audiences of Houston

Location: Channelview, Galena Park and Clinton Park

Funding Amount: \$15,000

Overview: The Full STEAM Ahead program is an enrichment program designed to support the academic and social-emotional development of underserved students from nearby Port communities. Through a series of carefully crafted classes, students will engage in hands-on learning experiences that foster the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills among participating students and educators.

16. Urban Harvest, Inc.

Program: Piloting Collaborative Pathways for East End Families to Lead Healthier Lives

Location: East End

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Overview: This program supports their organizations efforts at addressing the ongoing food insecurity, environmental imbalances, and health disparities across the East End community. Trained staff will deliver hands-on gardening education for school students, training for educators on how to use their new gardens as outdoor classrooms to develop STEAM skills among students, and increase access to affordable nutritious food choices through activation of an on-site Mobile Farmers Market.



17. Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans

Program: Career and Technology Workforce Development Program

Location: Houston & Harris County

Funding amount: \$20,000

Overview: The Work and Learn Center for Disconnected Youth and the Adelante Adult Education programs focus on helping underserved individuals complete their high school education, gain fluency in English, and develop the necessary job skills needed to enter the workforce. Both programs help to highlight career opportunities in our local industries and create relevant career pathways to achieve certifications in high-demand careers.

18. The Rose

Program: Empower Her Health Program

Location: East Harris County

Funding Amount: \$5,000

Overview: The overarching goal of the Empower Her Program is to save lives and ensure that uninsured and medically underserved patients receive the same access to care as their insured counterparts. The program covers the cost of screening services as part of an annual well-woman checkup as well as diagnostic care. While The Rose's Empower Her Sponsorship Program (Empower Her) is geared toward women, we also serve men through the program.