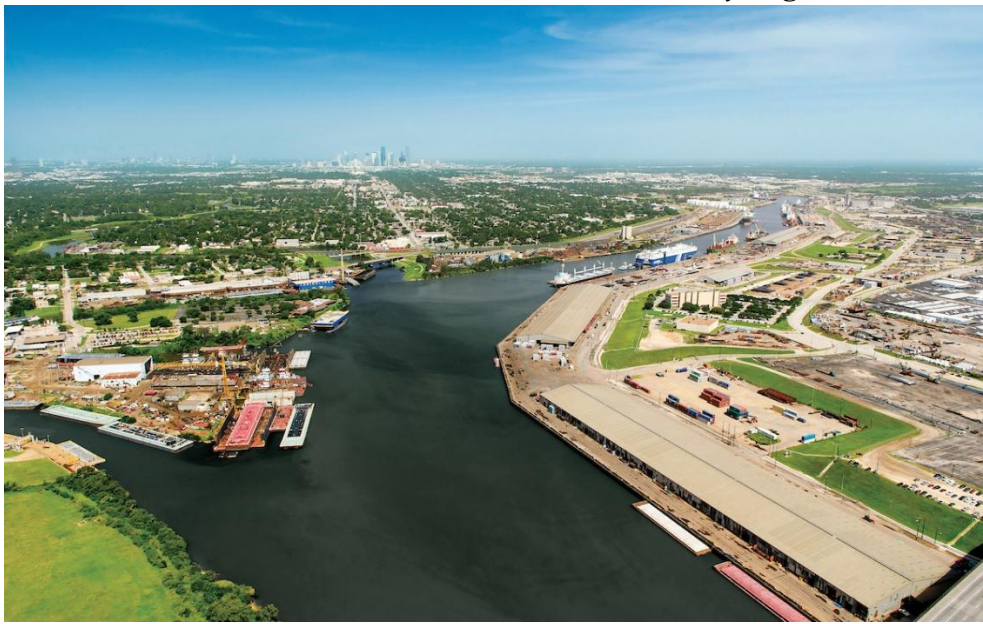




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Port Houston Commission Approves Record Number of Community Grants *\$500,000 will be distributed across 24 community organizations*



An aerial shot of the Houston Ship Channel's northern port region captures the Houston skyline.

HOUSTON – On Tuesday, June 24, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority Community Relations Committee approved \$500,000 in community grants to 24 local organizations – marking the largest group of recipients and highest total amount awarded in the program’s history. Each organization was selected for its meaningful contributions to the well-being and advancement of local communities across the greater Houston port region.

“I am a firm believer in and supporter of the program and appreciate that we have this venue to listen to community partners and to support their efforts to improve quality of life in our neighborhoods,” said Port Commissioner Wendy Montoya Cloonan, who also serves as Chair of the Community Relations Committee. “The scale and impact of this year’s program reflects Port Houston’s deep commitment to building a stronger, more resilient region.”

Since its inception in 2020, Port Houston has awarded over \$2.1 million and supported 95 programs through its Community Grants Program. In 2025, the program received a record number of applications, with 136 organizations requesting more than \$4.2 million in funding.

The Community Grants Program is one of the many ways Port Houston gives back to the community, aligning with its strategic priorities of jobs and maritime economic growth. By investing in programs that directly benefit residents, Port Houston is further sustaining the region's growth and supporting economic development through intentional giving. Visit the port's [website](#) to learn more about its commitment to giving back and emphasis on responsible, impactful stewardship.

<i>2025 Community Grant Recipients</i>		
BakerRipley	2025 STEAM Forward Initiative	\$35,000
Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation	2025 My Home Library Program	\$25,000
Clothed by Faith	School Partnership Program to Provide Clothing & School Uniforms	\$10,000
Community Family Centers	Magnolia Park STEAM Initiative for Latino Youth	\$25,000
Comp-U-Dopt	Workforce Readiness for Opportunity Youth & Community Laptop Distribution	\$49,000
Energy Education Foundation	Mobile Energy Learning Unit	\$25,000
Exploration Green Conservancy	2025 Native Tree Planting & STEM Education	\$20,000
Families in Nature	Place-based Environmental Education Program	\$30,000
Friends of the North Channel Branch Inc.	Community Garden & Outdoor Learning Space	\$5,000
Galveston Bay Foundation	Dolphin Research & Outreach at Seawolf Park	\$25,000
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council	Girl Scouts Mariner's Program	\$10,000
Greens Bayou Coalition	Canoe for a Cleaner Greens Bayou Program	\$5,000
Harris County Cultural Arts Council	Arts Reaching All Program	\$25,000
Hearts and Hands of Baytown	Pasadena Doorstep Blessing Initiative to Reduce Food Insecurity	\$10,000
Houston East End Chamber of Commerce	Youth Leadership Program	\$10,000
Houston International Seafarers Centers	Houston International Ship Visitor School	\$5,000
Pumps & Pipes	STEAM Program	\$5,000
Second Servings of Houston	Pop-Up Grocery Stores	\$24,000
Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus	After-School Music Programs & Summer Camp	\$40,000

The Arc of Harris County	After-School Care & Summer Program for Youth with Intellectual & Development Disabilities	\$20,000
The Bridge Over Troubled Water, Inc.	Emergency Shelter Program	\$25,000
The Rose	Empower Her Health Program for Uninsured Women & Men	\$30,000
Urban Community Network	Commercial Driver Workforce Development Program	\$20,000
Wellness on Wheels, HTX	Cycling & Mental Wellness Program	\$22,000

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.5 million jobs in Texas and 3.37 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$439 billion in Texas and \$906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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