

CASE for Kids
City Connections Youth Initiative
2023-2024 Grant Award List

The Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids, or CASE for Kids, is a division of Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) that was formed in 1999. The vision of CASE for Kids is to ensure that every child in Harris County will have access to high-quality, expanded learning opportunities. CASE for Kids believes a quality out-of-school time program provides avenues for opportunities for youth to excel, explore and expand their horizons before school, after school, on weekends and during the summer. A quality program provides a safe and inclusive environment, diverse learning opportunities, effective administrative strategies, collaborative relationships, and intentional program promotion.

City Connections funded directly by City of Houston, supports nonprofit organizations that address the need for youth services during the school year. Initiatives funded by the CASE for Kids City Connections program provide comprehensive programs and short-term projects hosted in-person, virtually, or as a hybrid from a variety of locations including schools, community centers, apartment complexes and churches.

The nonprofit organizations listed below have been awarded a **2023 - 2024 City Connections (CiC)** grant award. Funding for the **City Connections** project is provided by the **City of Houston** and administered by the Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids or CASE for Kids, a division of Harris County Department of Education. A total of 68 applications were received requesting funding. In 2023-2024, eleven district council members will award up to \$45,000 each, in funding for CiC grants. Please note, as indicated by the asterisk symbol (*), some council districts exercised their option to increase their overall grants budget this year. The organizations listed below will provide diverse activities for youth after school including fine arts, academic enrichment, college exploration and youth mentoring. Congratulations to all grant recipients! We are grateful to the City of Houston for their investment and support of out-of-school time programming here in Houston, TX. All City Connections funding is contingent upon City Council approval.

District A – Council Member Amy Peck*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Girlstart	<i>Woodview Elementary School</i>	\$10,000
Living Word Christian Academy	<i>Living Word Christian Academy</i>	\$10,000
NewSpring	<i>Ridgecrest Elementary Mabee WholeLife Service Center Brompton Square Apartments</i>	\$10,000
SpringSpirit*	<i>SpringSpirit Community Center – Cambell SpringSpirit Community Center – Pitner</i>	\$10,000
YMCA of Greater Houston	<i>Valley Oaks Elementary School Pine Shadows Elementary School Pine Shadows Elementary School</i>	\$15,000

District B – Council Member Tarsha Jackson*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
American Festival for the Arts	<i>The DeLUXE Theater, Bruce Elementary</i>	\$5,000
BenCheri Educational Center	<i>BenCheri Educational Center</i>	\$5,000
Brazilian Cultural Institute	<i>North Houston Skate Park</i>	\$5,000
Consumer Energy Education Foundation	<i>Young Women’s Leadership Academy</i>	\$5,000
Dance Another World	<i>The Chosen Ones – Chosen Behavioral</i>	\$5,000

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Greater Emmanuel Family Worship Center*	<i>Greater Emmanuel Family Worship Center</i>	\$5,000
Julia C Hester House	<i>Julia C Hester House</i>	\$5,000
Kidz K’nect Resource Center	<i>Kidz K’nect Resource Center</i>	\$5,000
Monarch Academy	<i>North Houston Studio 15</i>	\$5,000
RaRa Foundation*	<i>RaRa Foundation Afterschool Program</i>	\$5,000
S.A.F.E Diversity Communities*	<i>S.A.F.E Diversity Communities</i>	\$5,000
Safe Place Outreach	<i>Grace Church International</i>	\$5,000
Young People in Action*	<i>Shadydale Elementary</i>	\$5,000

District C – Council Member Abbie Kamin*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Evelyn Rubenstein JCC*	<i>Evelyn Rubenstein JCC</i>	\$10,000
Girls on the Run Greater Houston	<i>Herrod Elementary, Clifton Middle School</i>	\$10,000
Helms Elementary PTA	<i>Helms Elementary</i>	\$10,000
HITS Theatre	<i>HITS Theatre</i>	\$10,000
National College Readiness*	<i>St. Ambrose Catholic School</i>	\$10,000
Sisters Empowering S.I.S.T.A.S. ,Inc	<i>Girls Scouts of San Jacinto</i>	\$10,000
The Woods Project*	<i>Heights High School</i>	\$10,000

District D – Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
HYPE Freedom School, Inc.*	<i>HYPE Freedom School</i>	\$10,000
S.H.A.P.E Community Center, Inc.*	<i>S.H.A.P.E Community Center</i>	\$10,000
The FORGE for Families*	<i>The FORGE for Families</i>	\$10,000
World Youth Foundation, Inc.*	<i>The Zone Sports Complex</i>	\$10,000
Braids N Beads*	<i>Lockhart Elementary School</i>	\$6,600
Boykins Youth Foundation*	<i>Glory Fitness, Whidby Elementary</i>	\$5,000
Civic Heart Community Services* (Change Happens)	<i>Trinity East United Methodist</i>	\$5,000
Consumer Energy Education Foundation	<i>Young Women’s College Prep</i>	\$5,000
FotoFest, Inc.	<i>Whidby Elementary, Codwell Elementary</i>	\$5,000
M.E.N. (Mentoring, Educating, & Nurturing) Inc.	<i>Buffalo Soldiers Musuem</i>	\$5,000
Recipe For Success	<i>Hope Farms</i>	\$5,000
Young Audiences of Houston	<i>Buckner Family Hope Center</i>	\$5,000

District E – Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Diaz Music Institute	<i>Woodcreek Middle School</i>	\$15,000
Girls on the Run Greater Houston	<i>Stevenson Middle School</i>	\$15,000
St. Martha’s Catholic School	<i>St. Martha’s Catholic School</i>	\$15,000

District F – Council Member Tiffany Thomas

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Chinese Community Center, Inc.	<i>Chinese Community Center</i>	\$10,000
Girlstart	<i>Collins Elementary, Heflin Elementary, Mahanay Elementary, Youens Elementary</i>	\$10,000
JJ’s I’m Me Foundation	<i>Albright Middle School</i>	\$10,000
Spirit of Youth Fencing	<i>Mata Intermediate</i>	\$9,480
FotoFest, Inc.	<i>Emerson Elementary</i>	\$5,520

District G – Council Member Mary Nan Huffman

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
CollegeCommunityCareer	<i>Stratford High School</i>	\$15,000
FamilyPoint Resources	<i>FamilyPoint Resources</i>	\$15,000
YMCA of Greater Houston	<i>Trotter Family YMCA</i>	\$15,000

District H – Council Member Karla Cisneros

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Houston Youth Symphony	<i>Clemente Martinez Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Sherman Elementary, Ketelson Elementary</i>	\$10,000
Segundo Barrio Children’s Choir	<i>Garza Studios</i>	\$10,000
American Festival for the Arts (AFA)	<i>Garza Studios</i>	\$5,000
Da Camera Society	<i>John F. Kennedy Elementary</i>	\$5,000
Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)	<i>The Dow School</i>	\$5,000
Neighbors in Action	<i>Neighbors in Action, Port Houston Elementary</i>	\$5,000
Wesley Community Center	<i>Wesley Community Center</i>	\$5,000

District I – Council Member Robert Gallegos

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Diaz Music Institute	<i>Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success</i>	\$7,500
Today’s Youth	<i>Hartman Middle School</i>	\$7,500
Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA)	<i>AAMA’s Afterschool Bridge Program</i>	\$5,000
Da Camera Society of Texas	<i>Briscoe Elementary</i>	\$5,000

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Monarch Academy	<i>Greater Tabernacle</i>	\$5,000
Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA)	<i>Brookdale Village Apartments</i>	\$5,000
Segundo Barrio Children’s Choir	<i>Community Family Centers</i>	\$5,000
The Woods Project	<i>Chavez High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit, KIPP East End High School, Stephen F Austin High School</i>	\$5,000

District J – Council Member Edward Pollard

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Boykins Youth Foundation	<i>Cunningham Middle School Glory Fitness</i>	\$5,000
Bridging the Digital Divide	<i>Burnett Bayland Park Community Center</i>	\$9,000
Houston Marathon Foundation	<i>Sharpstown High School Piney Point Elementary School</i>	\$8,000
Houston: reVision	<i>Houston:revision Community Center</i>	\$5,000
Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR)	<i>Jane Long Academy / Las Americas Newcomer School (combined program) Wisdom High School</i>	\$9,000
Sewa International Houston*	<i>Willa Madrid</i>	\$5,000
The Alliance (Alliance for Multicultural Community Services)	<i>Kijana Youth Program</i>	\$9,000
The Center for Pursuit*	<i>St. Luke’s United Methodist Church</i>	\$15,000

District K – Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
A.I.R. Project*	<i>Billy Reagan K-8 Education Center</i>	\$7,500
College Community Career*	<i>Willowridge High School</i>	\$7,500
Bridging the Digital Divide	<i>Windsor Village Community Center</i>	\$5,000
Intertwined*	<i>Audrey Lawson Middle School Harmony Ingenuity School</i>	\$5,000
Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR)*	<i>Welch Middle School</i>	\$5,000
Sewa International Houston*	<i>Los Arcos</i>	\$5,000
Today's Youth*	<i>Welch Middle School</i>	\$5,000
Young Audiences of Houston*	<i>Tinsley Elementary School</i>	\$7,500