

CASE for Kids City Connections Youth Initiative 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 **2024 - 2025 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 74 applications were received requesting funding. In 2024-2025, eleven district council members will award up to \$43,000 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 | Award Amount |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Girlstart | \$17,333 |
| Boys and Girls of Greater Houston | \$ 13,334 |
| SpringSpirit, Inc. | \$ 12,333 |

District B – Council Member Tarsha Jackson*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| American Festival for the Arts (AFA) | \$5,000 |
| BenCheri Educational Center | \$5,000 |
| Consumer Energy Education Foundation | \$5,000 |
| Dance Another world | \$5,000 |
| Julia C. Hester House Inc. | \$5,000 |
| Kidz K'Nect Resource Center | \$5,000 |
| Monarch Academy | \$5,000 |
| Perfect Connection | \$5,000 |
| RaRa Foundation | \$5,000 |
| S.A.F.E. Diversity Communities | \$5,000 |
| Safe Place Outreach | \$5,000 |
| The Parent Teacher Collaborative | \$5,000 |

District C – Council Member Abbie Kamin*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|--|--------------|
| Evelyn Rubenstein JCC | \$11,667 |
| Helms Elementary PTA | \$11,667 |
| HITS Theater | \$11,665 |
| National College Readiness Institute | \$11,667 |
| The Woods Project | \$11,667 |
| Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts | \$6,667 |

District D – Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|---|--------------|
| SHAPE community Center, Inc. | \$10,000 |
| A.I.R Project | \$5,000 |
| BenCheri Educational Center | \$5,000 |
| Boykins Youth Foundation | \$5,000 |
| Braids N Beads | \$5,000 |
| Bridging the Digital Divide | \$5,000 |
| Civic Heart Community Services | \$5,000 |
| Consumer Energy Education Foundation | \$5,000 |
| HYPE Freedom School | \$5,000 |
| Intertwined | \$5,000 |
| M.E.N. (Mentoring, Educating, & Nurturing) Inc. | \$5,000 |

District E – Council Member Fred Flickinger

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|--|--------------|
| Creativity Shell | \$11,500 |
| Purpose Kids (Fellowship of Purpose Early Childhood Learning Center) | \$11,500 |
| Diaz Music Institute | \$10,000 |
| St. Martha Catholic School | \$10,000 |

District F – Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Agape Christian Fellowship Church | \$20,000 |
| Bricks Foundation | \$10,000 |
| Chinese Community Center, Inc | \$10,000 |
| The Ensemble Theatre | \$10,000 |
| Young Audiences of Houston | \$10,000 |
| Girlstart | \$ 5,250 |
| JJs I'm Me Foundation | \$ 5,000 |
| The Sanders Hand | \$ 5,000 |

District G – Council Member Mary Nan Huffman

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|--|--------------|
| College Community Career | \$14,000 |
| FamilyPoint Resources | \$ 14,000 |
| Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR) | \$ 15,000 |

District H – Council Member Mario Castillo*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|---|--------------|
| AFA (American Festival for the Arts) | \$10,000 |
| Houston Youth Symphony | \$10,000 |
| Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus | \$10,000 |
| Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA) | \$8,000 |
| Mission Squash of Houston DBA Mission Success of Houston | \$7,500 |
| Neighbors in Action | \$7,500 |
| Promoters of Education, Awareness, & Community Engagement (PEACE) | \$7,500 |
| Yuth United Through Hertz | \$5,000 |

District I – Council Member Joaquin Martinez*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|---|--------------|
| Community Family Centers | \$10,000 |
| Diaz Music Institute | \$10,000 |
| Girls on the Run Greater Houston | \$10,000 |
| Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA) | \$10,000 |
| Promoters of Education, Awareness, & Community Engagement (PEACE) | \$10,000 |
| Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus | \$10,000 |
| The Woods Project | \$10,000 |
| Today's Youth (My Brother's and Sister's Restoration) | \$9,000 |
| Monarch Academy | \$5,000 |

District J – Council Member Edward Pollard*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|--|--------------|
| Agape Christian Fellowship | \$10,000 |
| Perfect Connection | \$10,000 |
| Spectrum Link Foundation, Inc | \$10,000 |
| Bricks Foundation | \$ 7,500 |
| Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering (RISE) | \$ 5,250 |
| Boykins Youth Foundation | \$ 5,000 |
| Girls on the Run Greater Houston | \$ 5,000 |
| Gordon Education Initiatives for the Performing Arts | \$ 5,000 |
| Houston Marathon Foundation | \$ 5,000 |
| Houston reVision | \$ 5,000 |
| Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR) | \$ 5,000 |
| Sewa International Houston | \$ 5,000 |
| World Youth Foundation Inc. | \$ 5,000 |

District K – Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum*

| Grantee | Award Amount |
|---|--------------|
| A.I.R Project | \$5,000 |
| Bethel's Family Christian Academy | \$5,000 |
| Boys and Girls of Greater Houston | \$5,000 |
| Braids N Beads | \$5,000 |
| Bridging the Digital Divide | \$5,000 |
| CollegeCommunityCareer | \$5,000 |
| Intertwined | \$5,000 |
| One Church at Bethel's Family | \$5,000 |
| RSA of Dance & Performing Arts | \$5,000 |
| Sewa International Houston | \$5,000 |
| The Ensemble Theatre | \$5,000 |
| Today's Youth (My Brother's and Sister's Restoration) | \$5,000 |