

CASE for Kids
City Connections Youth Initiative
2022-2023 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 Youth Initiative, 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 **2022 - 2023 City Connections (CiC) Youth Initiative** 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 63 applications were received requesting funding. In 2022-2023, 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
Living Word Christian Academy	<i>Living Word Christian Academy</i>	\$10,000
NewSpring	<i>NewSpring Art Studio Mabee WholeLife Service Center – The Women’s Home Brompton Square Apartments – Community Center Gracewood – Women and Children Shelter</i>	\$10,000
The Center for Pursuit	<i>Social Motion Skills</i>	\$10,000
Girlstart	<i>Spring Branch Elementary School Woodview Elementary School Hollibrook Elementary School</i>	\$7,500
Color of Life	<i>Color of Life Community Resource & Activity Center</i>	\$6,250
JS&D Sports Development Outreach Ministries	<i>Tiger Rock Martial Arts</i>	\$6,250

District B – Council Member Tarsha Jackson*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
American Festival for the Arts (AFA)	<i>The DeLUXE Theater Bruce Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
Avenue	<i>Avenue Casitas Apartments</i>	\$5,000
BenCheri Educational Center	<i>BenCheri Educational Center</i>	\$5,000
Brazilian Cultural Institute	<i>North Houston Skate Park</i>	\$5,000
Choice Nation Academy	<i>Villas on the Green Apartments Greenhouse International Church</i>	\$5,000

District B – Council Member Tarsha Jackson* (continued)

Color of Life (Color of Life Community Resource & Activity Center)	<i>Color of Life Community Resource & Activity Center Acres Homes Multi-Service Center</i>	\$5,000
Dance Another World	<i>The Chosen Ones – Chosen Behavioral Concepts</i>	\$5,000
Diaz Music Institute	<i>Wheatley High School</i>	\$5,000
Discovering U	<i>Discovering U</i>	\$5,000
Intertwined	<i>Francis Scott Key Middle School</i>	\$5,000
JS&D Sports Development Outreach Ministries	<i>Color of Life Community Resource & Activity Center BenCheri Educational Center</i>	\$5,000
Kidz KNeck Resource Center	<i>Kidz KNeck Resource Center</i>	\$5,000
Perfect Connection	<i>Kashmere Gardens Early Learning Academy</i>	\$5,000
RaRa Foundation Inc	<i>RaRa Foundation Inc.</i>	\$5,000
SAFE Diversity Communities	<i>SAFE Diversity Communities</i>	\$5,000
Safe Place Outreach	<i>Grace Church International</i>	\$5,000
STEM Urban Perspective	<i>McGowen Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.	<i>Bruce Elementary School</i>	\$5,000

District C – Council Member Abbie Kamin

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Helms Elementary PTA	<i>Helms Elementary School</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
S.H.A.P.E. Community Center	<i>S.H.A.P.E. Community Center</i>	\$5,000
Braids N Beads	<i>Lockhart Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
HYPE Freedom School, Inc.	<i>Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church</i>	\$5,000
The FORGE for Families	<i>The FORGE for Families</i>	\$5,000
M.E.N. Incorporated	<i>Buffalo Soldiers National Museum</i>	\$5,000
U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.	<i>Blackshear Elementary School Hartsfield Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
Young Audiences of Houston	<i>Blackshear Elementary School Buckner Family Hope Center</i>	\$5,000
World Youth Foundation, Inc.	<i>Integrated Missionary Baptist Church</i>	\$5,000
FotoFest, Inc.	<i>Whidby Elementary After School Program</i>	\$5,000
Creativity Shell (EZ Kids Creativity Shell)	<i>Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy</i>	\$5,000
Change Happens	<i>Change Happens</i>	\$5,000

District E – Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
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Creativity Shell (EZ Kids Creativity Shell)	<i>Elm Grove Elementary School</i>	\$10,000
Diaz Music Institute	<i>Woodcreek Middle School</i>	\$10,000

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 School Heflin Elementary School Mahanay Elementary School Youens Elementary School</i>	\$10,000
The Alliance (Alliance for Multicultural Community Services)	<i>Columbia Centre</i>	\$10,000
JJ’s I’m Me Foundation	<i>Crossroads Alternative School</i>	\$5,000
Bayou City Fencing	<i>Mata Intermediate</i>	\$2,600

District G – Council Member Mary Nan Huffman

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
CollegeCommunityCareer	<i>Stratford High School</i>	\$10,000
Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR)	<i>Revere Middle School</i>	\$10,000
YMCA of Greater Houston	<i>Trotter Family YMCA</i>	\$10,000

District H – Council Member Karla Cisneros*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
American Festival for the Arts (AFA)	<i>Garza Studios</i>	\$5,000

District H – Council Member Karla Cisneros* (continued)

Avenue	<i>Redwood Heights Washington Courtyards</i>	\$5,000
Houston Youth Symphony	<i>Clemente Martinez Elementary School Jefferson Elementary School Sherman Elementary School Looscan Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)	<i>Burnet Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
Neighbors in Action	<i>Neighbors in Action Port Houston Elementary</i>	\$5,000
Segundo Barrio Children’s Chorus	<i>Garza Studios</i>	\$5,000
STEM Urban Perspective	<i>High School Ahead</i>	\$5,000
Wesley Community Center	<i>Wesley Community Center</i>	\$5,000
Young Audiences of Houston	<i>Moreno Elementary School</i>	\$5,000
YUTH United Through Hertz	<i>YUTH – The Artz</i>	\$5,000

District I – Council Member Robert Gallegos*

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
Alliance Financial Ministries, Inc.	<i>Cornelious Elementary School</i>	\$10,000
Children’s Museum of Houston	<i>Edison Middle School</i>	\$10,000

Community Family Centers	<i>JP McGovern Sports and Recreation Facility</i>	\$10,000
Segundo Barrio Children’s Chorus	<i>Yolanda Blac Navarro Middle School</i>	\$10,000

District I – Council Member Robert Gallegos* (continued)

The Woods Project	<i>Cesar Chavez High School</i>	\$10,000
	<i>Cristo Rey Jesuit Prep School</i>	
	<i>KIPP East End</i>	
	<i>Stephen F. Austin High School</i>	
Houston Center for Photography	<i>Cesar Chavez High School</i>	\$5,400
	<i>Brookline Elementary School</i>	
	<i>Stephen F. Austin Senior High School</i>	
Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)	<i>Brookdale Apartment Village – Casa San Jose</i>	\$5,000

District J – Council Member Edward Pollard

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
CHAT (Culture of Health-Advancing Together)	<i>Culture of Health-Advancing Together (CHAT)</i>	\$8,000
Connect Community	<i>St. Luke’s UMC Gethsemane Campus (Clubhouse Afterschool Program)</i>	\$8,000
Houston: reVision	<i>St. Luke’s Gethsemane Campus</i>	\$8,000
The Center for Pursuit	<i>St. Luke’s UMC Gethsemane Campus</i>	\$6,000
Boykins Youth Foundations	<i>Cunningham Elementary School Glory Fitness Studio</i>	\$5,000
Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR)	<i>Las Americas Newcomer School Jane Long Academy</i>	\$5,000

The Alliance (Alliance for
Multicultural Community Services)

Kijana Program at The Alliance

\$5,000

District K – Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum

Grantee	Project Site(s)	Awarded Amount
A.I.R. Project	<i>Billy Reagan K-8 Educational Center Tinsley Elementary School Audrey H. Lawson Middle School</i>	\$5,000
CollegeCommunityCareer	<i>Willowridge High School</i>	\$5,000
RSA of Dance & Performing Arts	<i>RSA of Dance Site B</i>	\$5,000