



## Port Houston Community Grants Program

### 2022 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 2022 Community Revitalization Program is to provide home repairs and safety modifications to as many of the fifty-three qualified homeowner applications as possible.

#### 2. **Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans**

*Program:* Transitional Career and Technical Academy

*Location:* Houston & Harris County

*Funding amount:* \$20,000

*Overview:* AAMA's Work and Learn Center for Disconnected Youth ages 16 to 24, and our Adelante Adult Education program, focus on helping people complete their high school education; gain fluency in English; develop employability and job skills needed to enter the workforce with a relevant career pathway; and achieve certification in high-demand careers.

#### 3. **Capital Idea Houston**

*Program:* Workforce Development Program in Maritime & Logistics

*Location:* Houston & Harris County

*Funding amount:* \$20,000

*Overview:* Capital Idea Houston aims to invest in working adults by providing educational pathways from low-wage to living-wage careers. The goal of this program is to put 40 un- or underemployed Houston adults on the path to achieving professional accreditation and then living-wage careers in the Maritime, Transportation, Logistics, and other STEAM fields.



#### **4. Target Hunger**

*Program:* Target Hunger Shotwell Container Garden Program

*Location:* East End Communities

*Funding amount:* \$30,000

*Overview:* Target Hunger alleviates hunger and its root causes in vulnerable east Houston neighborhoods. Through food pantries, two community gardens, an extensive home delivery program, community food fairs, and the provision of disaster relief, Target Hunger works to meet a critical need in Houston's worst food deserts.

#### **5. Achieving Community Tasks Successfully**

*Program:* Supporting STEAM Scholars – Holland Middle School

*Location:* Pleasantville

*Funding amount:* \$22,000

*Overview:* The goal of this program is to build a new greenhouse to support the ongoing urban garden currently located at Holland Middle School. Holland initiated the garden in 2015-2016, but in August 2017, the garden was severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey. This program is designed to create a long-term solution to protect the garden and increase the opportunities for community engagement and connections to the school.

#### **6. Houston Community College**

*Program:* HCC Logistics Career Prep Program: Setting Sails for Success

*Location:* Houston & Harris County

*Funding amount:* \$25,000

*Overview:* HCC's Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management Center of Excellence seeks the partnership and support of Port Houston for its Career Preparation Program: Setting Sails for Success, aimed at launching students into rewarding careers in logistics at the entry and semi-advanced levels.



## **7. Houston Botanic Garden**

*Program:* Educational School Field Trips to Houston Botanic Garden

*Location:* Park Place

*Funding Amount:* \$17,000

*Overview:* Houston Botanic Garden (HBG) plans to initiate a secondary school field trip program at our 132-acre living museum and outdoor classroom that is filled with horticultural displays, natural ecosystems, and walking trails. Our program will target primarily neighborhoods and schools in the under-served areas adjacent to HBG and Port Houston in order to bring school textbooks to life through hands-on experiences in nature.

## **8. 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.

## **9. Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation**

*Program:* Civic Science and Workforce Readiness Skills Program

*Location:* Houston ISD, Galena Park ISD, Pasadena ISD, La Porte ISD

*Funding Amount:* \$17,500

*Overview:* The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) will engage 10 educators and their classes in CELF's Civic Science: Inquiry-to-Action program that engages students in hands-on learning to identify, analyze, and solve real-world environmental challenges that they observe in their schools and communities. Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators from magnet high schools will be recruited from schools serving Environmental Justice populations near the Port of Houston that can benefit from supplemental Civic Science programming.



## **10. Pasadena Public Library**

*Program: Environmental Awareness Programs*

*Location: Pasadena*

*Funding Amount: \$1,500*

*Overview:* Based on the theme for the year “Oceans of Possibilities” for 2022, the PPL plans to offer a series of environmental awareness programs at their library locations for children and teens in our community. These environmental awareness programs aim to increase awareness, appreciation and understanding of ecosystems, the environment, and wildlife of the Texas Gulf Coast.

## **11. Clothed by Faith**

*Program: School Partnership Programs*

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

*Funding Amount: \$10,000*

*Overview:* The goal of this program is to meet the basic need for clothing for students and their families. This program gives immediate access to clothing for students and will allow Clothed by Faith to provide clothing to 400 children and adults through requests from schools in Galena Park ISD, Goose Creek ISD, Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD.

## **12. Houston Community Toolbank**

*Program: School Beautification and Tool Lending*

*Location: Harris County*

*Funding Amount: \$30,000*

*Overview:* In an effort to direct their resources into our local community, the ToolBank will connect with HISD schools (Denver Harbor, 5th Ward, Greater East End, Pleasantville, Kashmere Gardens) to provide cleanup and beautification support to enhance their outdoor spaces. Funds will also be used to purchase building materials to build picnic tables, garden beds and at-home student desks, for the schools who need them.



### **13. Native Plant Society of Texas**

*Program: Shoreacres Native Prairie & Monarch Way Station*

*Location: Shoreacres*

*Funding Amount: \$3,000*

*Overview:* The project is approximately 20 acres owned by TxDOT at the corner of Shoreacres Blvd and State Highway 146 in Shoreacres, Texas, just north of the Bayport Container Terminal. Ultimately it is hoped the site will be designated as a permanent part of the coastal Monarch Flyway, but also preserve the rarest and most endangered ecosystem in the U.S. - the coastal prairie, of which less than 1% remains.

### **14. College of the Mainland Foundation**

*Program: State-of-the-Art Curriculum in Maritime Sciences*

*Location: Texas City & East Harris County*

*Funding amount: \$20,000*

*Overview:* COM is excited to develop new, high-demand programs while we serve our community equitably, with affordable education that will transform students' futures. This grant will support the cost of developing state-of-the-art curriculum and credential paths in the high-demand areas of Marine Sciences and Maritime Logistics.

### **15. Precinct2gether**

*Program: Workforce Development Program*

*Location: Galena Park, Jacinto City, Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, Channelview*

*Funding Amount: \$29,000*

*Overview:* In order to strengthen the East Harris County communities near Port Houston, Precinct2gether is partnering with Harris County Precinct 2 on a workforce certification program. Working with various, reputable vendors, Precinct2gether will provide classes in relevant programs that will prepare participants to contribute to the regional economy.