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Port Houston's 2023 Community Grants Recipients Announced

HOUSTON – The 2023 Port Houston Community Grants recipients were announced at a meeting of the Port Commission Community Relations Committee on June 27.

This year, Port Houston is awarding a total of \$395,000 to 18 organizations that will, in turn, have a significant impact on the residents in local communities. Port Houston takes pride in giving back, and the Community Grants Program focuses on investing resources into meaningful projects and programs, while strengthening the region's prosperity. These organizations focus on areas that closely align with Port Houston's outreach priorities, such as STEAM education, careers in maritime and logistics, pollution reduction, promoting equal access to healthcare, and revitalizing parks and green spaces.

"Here at Port Houston, we are excited to contribute to our neighboring communities through the Community Grants Program for the fourth year in a row. With these grants, we aim to provide ongoing support for significant initiatives and endeavors that enrich our local communities and the wider region, and hope to create lasting impact," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston.

The 2023 Community Grant Recipients include:

Rebuilding Together Houston:
Community Revitalization Program: \$50,000
SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc:
CDL Training and Wraparound Services: \$30,000
STEM·E Youth Career Development Program:
STEAM-focused Workforce-Development Programs: \$30,000
Educational Programs Inspiring Communities Inc. (dba The H.E.A.R.T. Program)
HEART Program Vocational Training: \$25,000
Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA)
Second Century Vision Program: \$15,000

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile: \$25,000 **Houston Community Toolbank** School Beautification and Tool Lending: \$40,000 **SPARK Park** Port Houston Elementary SPARK Park: \$25,000 **Momentum Education** STEAM Career Success Mentorship Program: \$5,000 Harris Health System Food Rx Program at Strawberry Health Center: \$20,000 **Our Promise for West Baytown, Inc** Seeds of Promise: \$20,000 **Clothed by Faith** School Partnership Programs: \$7,000 **Bayou Preservation Association** Improving Waterways through Action & Education: \$13,000 **City of Pasadena** Floatable Capture Gates and Work Force Training: \$30,000 **Young Audiences of Houston** Full STEAM Ahead! with Young Audiences of Houston: \$15,000 Urban Harvest, Inc. Piloting Collaborative Pathways for East End Families: \$20,000 Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans Career and Technology Workforce Development Program: \$20,000 The Rose

Empower Her Health Program: \$5,000

The next application process opens in early 2024. For more details, visit https://www.porthouston.com/community/outreach/community-grants-program/.

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