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Port Houston Community Grants Available

HOUSTON – Port Houston is kicking off its Community Grants Program for 2021, building on the successes achieved after the inaugural launch of the program last year. The 2020 Community Grants program drew scores of worthwhile projects and plans to enhance our region.

The 2021 Community Grant program is scheduled to open February 16, when interested organizations may submit a Letter of Interest, found on Port Houston’s Community Grants web page, for review and consideration. Eligible organizations will then be invited to complete a full application should their proposed project meet the program’s guidelines and parameters.

The Community Grants program focuses on investing resources into meaningful projects and programs to enhance local communities. Port Houston is particularly interested in supporting programs or services that align with our priorities of workforce development, environmental stewardship, community outreach, and maritime education.

The 2020 Community Grants budget approved by the Port Commission included \$250,000 to fund first year awards under this new program.

That investment has been increased to \$300,000 this year.

The first year of the program proved highly successful. A total of sixty-four full applications for grant funding were submitted for consideration.

Through a competitive application process, the Grants Committee carefully evaluated submitted applications based on a set of criteria that would help Port Houston develop and strengthen community partnerships and create greater value for the region.

Awards given in the inaugural year included programs such as the American Bird Conservancy Plastics and Trash Pollution Reduction and Prevention; University of Houston Supply Chain & Logistics Technology Degree Plan Program, and El Centro de Corazon Improving East End Community Health through Healthy Food Access.

For more details about how to apply for a 2021 Community Grant visit
www.porthouston.com/community-outreach/grantsprogram/

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient and fastest-growing container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 public and private terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.35 million jobs in Texas and 3.2 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$339 billion in Texas – 20.6 percent of Texas' total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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