

Houston Methodist awards \$4.6 million to 59 Houston nonprofits

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Houston Methodist gifted more than \$4.6 million to 59 local nonprofits, as part of the second installment of its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant Program.

This funding is a part of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant Program the health care system created in 2020. Grants from the \$25 million fund will be awarded over five years to address the social determinants of health that lead to health inequities within racial, ethnic, and social minorities. The [first installment of \\$2.5 million was given in May 2021](#) to 37 nonprofits. This year, the organization increased its fund by 87%, according to Houston Methodist's announcement.

The grant program includes both DEI grants and social equity grants. The program will support 29 healthy neighborhood programs, 16 economic empowerment programs, and 17 educational empowerment programs at the nonprofits.

The nonprofits received various amounts of funds, depending on their needs and requests, said [Ryane Jackson](#), vice-president of community benefits at Houston Methodist. The dollar amount given to the organizations ranged from just under \$10,000 to \$375,000.

"It's incredibly encouraging to see so many local non-profit organizations working to close the health and social disparity gaps that exist among minority groups in the Houston area," Jackson said.

Jackson added that the DEI Grant Program received an increase in applicants, which then prompted Houston Methodist to increase the funds given out this year.

"It demonstrates the great need, but also demonstrates the passion of our community and I'm proud that Houston Methodist is raising awareness within the community that we are a partner for them not only from a health care access perspective but also working to address the root cause issues of health inequities," Jackson said.

While Houston Methodist has worked with [nonprofits like Legacy in the past to increase health care access](#), the nonprofits that were awarded this round of funds do not have a direct health care link. Jackson said the DEI Grant Program focuses on the root causes of access, which can be linked to race, gender, ZIP code, income, immigration status, and quality of life, and trying to uplift Houston communities through other ways.

The next round of applications will begin this fall. Houston Methodist will call for letters of intent in October 2022 and that will be the start of a multistep process, Jackson said.

Below is the full list of the organizations that received the second installment of the Houston Methodist Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant:

- AccessHealth
- Avondale House
- CASA of Liberty and Chambers Counties (LCC)
- Community Assistance Center
- Community Family Centers
- DePelchin Children's Center
- Dress for Success Houston
- East Harris County Empowerment Council
- Easter Seals
- Family to Family Network
- Fresh Spirit Wellness for Women, Inc.

- Generation One
- Girls Inc. of Greater Houston
- HYPE Freedom School, Inc.
- Houston ISD Foundation
- Iconoclast Artists
- Justice Forward
- Local Infant Formula for Emergencies, Inc. - L.I.F.E. Houston
- Memorial Assistance Ministries
- NestQuest Houston Inc.
- Network of Behavioral Health Providers
- Northwest Assistance Ministries
- Open Door Mission
- Rebuilding Together Houston=
- SEARCH Homeless Services
- SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.
- Santa Maria Hostel
- South Texas College of Law Houston
- Spring Branch Community Health Center
- Target Hunger
- Texas Southern University Department of Health Kinesiology and Sports Studies
- The Children's Assessment Center
- The Montrose Center
- The T.R.U.T.H. Project
- The Women's Resource of Greater Houston
- UTHealth and Bread of Life
- United Against Human Trafficking
- Urban Harvest
- Volunteers of America Texas
- Wesley Community Center
- West Houston Assistance Ministries, Inc.
- YES Prep Public Schools
- YMCA of Greater Houston
- Arms Wide Adoption Services
- Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star
- Boat People SOS - Houston
- Boynton Music Academy at Boynton Chapel Methodist Church
- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston
- Capital IDEA Houston
- Chinese Community Center, Inc.
- Combined Arms
- Covenant House Texas
- Family Houston
- Interfaith Community Clinic
- Missouri City (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
- Project Row Houses
- San Jose Clinic
- The Alliance