

Amend **CSHB 1** (house committee report) in Article VII of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (page VII-8), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Funding for Certain Nonprofit Community Centers. (a) Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Strategy A.1.9, Emergency Rental Assistance, the department shall allocate \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to a nonprofit community center that:

(1) provides programs and activities to improve the quality of life for all people of African descent, with an emphasis on unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith; and

(2) provides the programs and activities described by Subdivision (1) in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more.

(b) Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(c) The Department of Housing and Community Affairs may provide financial assistance to a nonprofit community center described by Subsection (a) of this rider only in accordance with a contract between the department and the organization. The contract must include provisions under which the department is granted sufficient control to ensure the public purpose of providing community programs and activities described by that subsection is accomplished and the state receives the return benefit.