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> On Jul 24, 2013, at 5:21 PM, "Kenna H. Kasten"

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> The Galveston Housing Authority issued requests for proposals on July 12, 2013 from qualified responders to implement a Human Capital Program under GHA to include case management and supportive service coordination, program management and design, partnership development, fund development and capacity building. The plan targets the 569 households expected to re-occupy the public housing revitalization sites, in order to move these families toward economic and housing self-sufficiency and to help them make a long term investments in their health and education. **The contract is for \$2.5 M dollars over a 3 year period.** The priorities of the Human Capital Plan include:

> Priority #1 - Supported, Targeted Employment Priority #2 - Intensive

> Health and Wellness Initiative for Families Priority #3- Emphasis on

> Two-Generation Education Priority #4 - Transportation - An employment

> initiative

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> **United Way of Galveston was approach by a group of social service agency representatives who already provide significant support to public housing tenants and the Galveston County Collaborating Groups, who advocate for local opportunities for local groups, to consider the submission of a grant proposal.** The bottom line is whoever receives the grant award **will be required to work with you,** the local social service agencies, with or without additional direct service funding. United Way of Galveston is a logical choice in serving as a lead agency as the membership and volunteers are **the best qualified to know what our community needs and how to implement those strategies.** The request was taken to the UWG board of directors for consideration. The board of directors voted unanimously to submit a collaborative proposal with United Way of Galveston as the lead agency to the Galveston Housing Authority requests for proposals for Human Capital Plan Implementation.

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> As many of you are aware, Urban Strategies initiated a proposal for the Human Capital Plan Implementation but has decided to serve as a support role to the grant recipient rather than lead agency. The core group of agency representatives and UWG board of directors recognizes the strengths of our local social service agencies and our ability to work together to achieve a target outcome. We successfully demonstrated our combined capacity with the SSBG funding following Hurricane Ike and the collaborative efforts of Galveston County Restore and Rebuild/Galveston County Recovery Fund. **TOGETHER,** our local organizations can accomplish the goals of the Human Capital Plan using available funding to support our local organizations and directly help the target population.

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> **You may be contacted by one or two organizations from outside of our community interested in submitting a grant proposal. While these organizations may demonstrate their capacity within their own geographical area, our local community network has demonstrated the same capacity.** Additionally, a local collaborative will ensure funding is focusing on direct service rather than administration of the grant. We ask for your support and help in creating a human capital plan that empowers our public housing residents and supports the work that you do with these individuals currently. We hope that you share our view and that of the UWG Board that we **CAN** provide these residents big HUGS (Housing & United Galveston Services).

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> I will keep you abreast of on-going activity as well as asking for your input and help. This proposal will require the work of everyone but we were successful with our SSBG grant proposal and our ability to work together. Stay tuned....

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