

## \$550K awarded to Houston's after school programs

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Afterschool gets a boost in the city of Houston thanks to \$550,000 in Houston City Council funding earmarked for a collaborative called CASE for Kids City Connections. The partnership with the city of Houston and the Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids, or CASE for Kids, provides \$45,000 in funding for nonprofit organizations in each of the 11 Houston City Council districts A-K.

CASE for Kids has worked with city council members and the city of Houston for three years as administrator and coordinator of the City Connections program. Last year, an estimated 7,938 children were served through the program.

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In addition to organizations providing afterschool activities for youth, the funded organizations may also use grant funding from the city to improve afterschool program quality.

CASE for Kids will provide resources for quality support via afterschool trainings and lend items from its library to the organizations. Curriculum and equipment such as academic materials, sports equipment and literacy kits can be checked out, free of charge.

A total of 105 City Connections applications were received for the 2016-2017 school year. Organizations will provide a variety of activities for youth after school, including fine arts, academic enrichment, college exploration and fitness classes.

For details about the organizations gaining City Connections funding, go to [www.afterschoolzone.org](http://www.afterschoolzone.org) (<http://www.afterschoolzone.org/>) . To find out about additional funding opportunities in city council districts A, B, E and F, email [caseconnections@hcde-texas.org](mailto:caseconnections@hcde-texas.org).

**About the Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids or CASE for Kids:** CASE



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