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713 Ministries awarded \$15,000 in afterschool funding from City Connections grant from City of Houston, CASE for Kids

Council Member Larry Green's Chief of Staff, Donald Perkins and CASE for Kids' Manager of Special Initiatives Mary Glover present a \$15,000 check to Audra and Lloyd Anderson of 713 Ministries. 713 Ministries is one of eight organizations awarded the first wave of grants in afterschool funding from the City Connections initiative with the City of Houston and CASE for Kids. 713 Ministries provides musical instruction, education and mentorship to underserved youth at Peterson, Hobby and Reagan Elementaries in Houston ISD.



City Connections is an initiative spearheaded by Houston City Councilmember C.O. Bradford last summer and CASE for Kids. The out-of-school time funding is intended to help fight juvenile crime and to promote child safety during the hours of 3-6 p.m. during the school year when parents are working and in the summertime. The funding is especially needed due to decreased state and federal funding streams which previously supported afterschool locally.

CASE for Kids promotes the City Connections program and supplies communication about the progress in administering it. The City of Houston Parks and Recreation Program collaborate with CASE for Kids in administering the program.

Grant applications for the afterschool funding continues to be accepted through April 6, 2015. Awards are announced on the first Monday of each month. To apply for City Connections funding, go to www.afterschoolzone.org and access CASE for Kids City Connections. Call 713-696-1331 for more information.

About the Center for Afterschool, Summer and Expanded Learning (CASE) for Kids: CASE for Kids, formerly the Cooperative for After-School Enrichment, was launched by Harris County Department of Education in 1999. CASE for Kids is an after-school intermediary which leverages community resources and strengthens the capacity of the out-of-school time field. Services benefit approximately 11,000 kids in greater Harris County. CASE for Kids programs happen before and after school, on weekends and during the summer. Go to www.afterschoolzone.org for information.


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