

MBK Houston Highlighted in National League of Cities Report

City	State	MBK Cities	Cities United Cities	Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund Grantee	Bloomberg Associate Cities
Columbia	SC	X	X		
Chattanooga	TN	X			
Knoxville	TN	X	X		
Memphis	TN	X	X		
Nashville	TN	X	X		
Brownsville	TX	X			
Edinburg	TX	X			
Fort Worth	TX	X			
Laredo	TX	X			
Longview	TX	X			
Prairie View	TX	X			
Austin	TX	X		X	
Dallas	TX	X	X		
Houston	TX	X	X		
San Antonio	TX	X	X		X

MILESTONE 1: ENTERING SCHOOL HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN

1.2.2 Libraries/City Agencies Support of Informal Care

Impact: ★★★★★

Encourage/leverage libraries, museums and city agencies to support informal care providers and boys of color ([Denver, CO](#))

1.2.3 Early Health and Developmental Screenings

Impact: ★★★★★

Collaborate with schools and health providers to promote Early Health and Developmental Screenings ([Houston, TX](#))

MILESTONE 4: COMPLETING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR CREDENTIALING

4.1.1 FAFSA Campaign

Impact: ★★★★★

Launch an annual FAFSA campaign ([Los Angeles, CA](#))

4.2.2 Youth Council

Impact: ★★★★★

Create or activate youth council or community advisory group to provide insights on increasing postsecondary completion ([Portland, OR](#))

4.2.3 Citywide Postsecondary Graduation Goal


Impact: ★★★★★

Set a community-wide goal for college completion ([Houston, TX](#))

Payments (LIFT-UP). The program helps cities align local financial empowerment services with municipal utility debt-collection practices by offering residents who are in debt to city-owned utilities an opportunity to restructure their outstanding balances. Residents also receive financial counseling and services to help get them back on track. To date, NLC has worked with five cities—Savannah, Georgia; St. Petersburg, Florida; Louisville, Kentucky; Newark, New Jersey; and [Houston, Texas](#)—to implement the pilot program and test variations of the program model. The Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (CFS) conducted an [evaluation of LIFT-UP](#), which shows that participating cities were better able to collect overdue water utility payments with less reliance on costly debt collection agencies or resorting to shutting off service to customers

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Impact: ★★★★★

Capacity Needed: 

Leadership Action: *Convening Stakeholders*

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