

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 27, 2024

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Workforce, Education and Equity

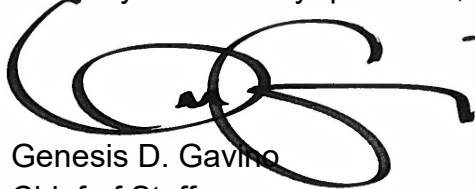
SUBJECT **Affordable Connectivity Program Update**

This memorandum serves as an update related to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) wind-down as previously briefed to the Committee on February 12, 2024. To date, no changes have been made at the federal level related to the funding renewal for ACP.

On February 22, 2024 the City hosted a Virtual Town Hall along with representatives from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide information related to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) wind-down. Following their presentation, a conversation was facilitated by Dallas Innovation Alliance amongst attendees to discuss how community resources can be used to maximize communication and support our residents at the end of the ACP. Attendees of the town hall represented local organization and agencies supporting underserved communities, advocates for digital equity and accessibility, and community leaders seeking to understand the impact of the wind-down.

The City committed to providing FAQs and fact sheets, both electronically and hard copy format to organizations across the city as they work with the clients or program participants to make them aware of the impending end of the ACP. Staff is currently working with Dallas Innovation Alliance to finalize the FAQs and fact sheet and will make them available in multiple languages as requested by community organizations. Staff anticipate these materials will be available and ready for distribution no later than March 4, 2024.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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