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**WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Dallas residents have been impacted by reduced hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and many other ways financially, and the City of Dallas has seen significant demand for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance among those impacted by the crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 2020, City Council authorized final adoption of Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds, No. 3 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), which included funding for an Emergency Assistance Program to provide rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, as well as funds for non-profit administration for subrecipients to administer this assistance in the community, by Resolution No. 20-1845; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2021, City Council authorized preliminary adoption of Reprogramming Budget No. 1 (Substantial Amendment No. 2) to the FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan to use unspent prior year CDBG funds for an Emergency Assistance Program, with a public hearing for final adoption to be held on February 24, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0204; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for rental, mortgage and utilities assistance among those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to: **(1)** implement the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) CV-COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program (“Program”), as described in **Exhibit A**, to provide up to six months of rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance, including internet service, for low income persons at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income (“AMI”) who are impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic; and **(2)** execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreements with landlords and tenants, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 2.** That funding for the Program will be made available from the 2020 CARES Act Relief CDBG #3 Fund authorized by City Council on November 11, 2020, and from CDBG Reprogramming Budget No. 1 (Substantial Amendment No. 2) to FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan Fund pending authorization by City Council on February 24, 2021.

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**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.