

June 28, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas (City) recognizes the importance of its role in protecting the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide relief during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the City Council authorized the final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance for the FY 2021-22 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets, which included the ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, the City Council authorized the transfer of \$2,200,000.00 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization by Resolution No. 23-0639; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to respond in a timely manner to fully expend Coronavirus SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of The Treasury (Treasury) has provided that Coronavirus SLFRF may be used to make necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the American Rescue Plan Act Residential Septic Tank Program (Program) is to make necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure to extend livability in existing affordable housing, connect owner-occupied properties to necessary city managed water/wastewater/sewer services being installed through the Dallas Water Utilities Unserved Areas Program, and extend necessary infrastructure access and services to Dallas residents and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to protect the health and safety of its residents and to provide necessary investments in infrastructure to its residents, and the American Rescue Plan Act Residential Septic Tank Program supports these goals by assisting Dallas residents with necessary home repairs to access necessary city water/wastewater/sewer infrastructure and services.

Now, Therefore,

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

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SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to: **(1)** implement the American Rescue Plan Act Residential Septic Tank Program (Program), as described in **Exhibit A**, to utilize Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding to connect eligible properties to city water/wastewater/sewer infrastructure currently being developed through DWU Unserved Areas Program by providing grants of up to \$100,000.00 per qualified property for eligible home repairs and **(2)** execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreements with homeowners, subrecipients, contractors, and administration agreements, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That when necessary, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute change orders or amendments to the Program agreements, in excess of 25 percent and/or \$100,000.00 (subject to compliance with the applicable procurement laws), to commit and expend funds timely to meet the needs of City residents, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer has already been authorized to disburse funds not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 to vendors to be determined in the future from the ARPA Septic Program Fund, Fund FC18, Department HOU, Unit AD53, various Object Codes, various Encumbrance/Contract numbers.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to account for and report the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), Fund FC18 for home repair, including but not limited to creating additional units and transferring appropriations, and/or expenses between units as additional home repair information on eligible uses are released.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all actions related to these SLFRF-funded home repair activities.

SECTION 6. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to provide additional information, adjust, and take other actions related to the implementation of the Program as may be necessary to satisfy the funding source, as applicable, and to make modifications to funding applicability and timelines as funding becomes available.

SECTION 7. 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.