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WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic has been declared a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized and acceptance of a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Treasury in the total amount of \$355,426,891.00, by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, which authorized the appropriation of \$355,426,891 .00 from the American Rescue Plan Act in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, including \$16,000,000.00 to provide for City Council District specific needs for relief to small businesses or impacted industries based on established criteria, by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas small businesses have experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts and continue to struggle with unmet needs, due to decreased revenue, increased costs, inflated product costs, and other financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen and continues to see significant demand for small business assistance from financial institutions and governmental agencies to close gaps for employee payroll, financial sustainability, and other essential operating costs for small businesses and minority owned businesses in underserved communities impacted by or during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas will benefit from providing financial support, through the Small Business Microgrants Program, to Dallas-based small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic because such support will mitigate financial impact and stimulate economic activities by enabling small businesses to remain operational, rehire or hire employees, and promote economic viability through increasing the tax base.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the program statement for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) – Small Business Microgrants Program, as shown in **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved, to provide financial support in the form of microgrants to Dallas-based small businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or by needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 from the ~~American Rescue Plan Act~~, [Coronavirus](#) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AG18, Object 3099 for fiscal year 2024.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to provide additional information or make adjustments to the Small Business Microgrants Program due to changes in applicable laws, regulations, U.S. Department of Treasury guidance documents, or to meet changing needs and funding requirements.

SECTION 4. 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.