

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 7, 2024

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

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item to Accept Additional Funds from Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

On June 26, 2024, the following Office of Community Care item will be considered by City Council:

File ID: 24-1966: Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of the second annual allocation of a two year contract with these funds to the grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046, Modification No. M-001) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas to be provided from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(2)** the acceptance grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(3)** the deposit of grant funds from TDCJ for the FY 2024-2025 program allocation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program Fund; and **(4)** execute the agreement and all terms, conditions and documents required by the contract - approved as to form by the City Attorney - Not to exceed \$500,000.00 – Financing: Texas Department of Criminal Justice Re-Entry Services Grant Fund

Background

This item represents the acceptance of additional funding for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice contract to support re-entry services. The current contract is a two-year agreement, with the first year's funding having been accepted at the time of contract authorization. The additional funding will support services in FY2025, the second year of the agreement.

The Reentry Services Program was established by the Texas State Legislature to support projects in Dallas and Houston that strive to support individuals being released from TDCJ facilities and returning to the Dallas or Houston area. This project has been supported through appropriations in the 84th, 86th, 87th, and now the 88th Texas State Legislative Session in 2023. Funding was once again appropriated within the budget for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to enter into an agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a program for reentry services to individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area. The City of Dallas may enter into agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups and the private sector for the provision of services.

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PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On April 27, 2016, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-16-17-L063), to develop and operate a pilot program for re-entry services for the period September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2017; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 16-0635.

On January 22, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-20-21-L098, to develop and operate a pilot program for reentry services for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-0207.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-22-23-L026) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (\$500,000.00 for FY 2021-2022 and \$500,000.00 for FY 2022-2023) for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area by Resolution No. 21-2024.

On November 8, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund; (3) receipt and deposit of grant funds from TDCJ in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund; and (4) execution of the Interlocal Agreement with TDCJ and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement – Not to exceed \$500,000.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Criminal Justice Grant Funds by Resolution No. 23-1569.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care, at 214-670-5113 or Jessica.Galleshaw@dallascityhall.com.



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