

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 23, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council Housing and Homelessness Solutions  
TO Committee: Jesse Moreno (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Zarin D. Gracey,  
Chad West, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions – Upcoming Agenda Item #PH3**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the following upcoming agenda item #PH3 on the April 24, 2024, City Council Agenda.

Following preliminary adoption of Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-24 Action Plan for the HOME ARPA Grant Funds for the R.E.A.L. Time Rehousing initiative on December 13, 2023, to move funds from Tenant Based Rental Assistance to Supportive Services budget line item, the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS), Dallas Housing Authority (DHA), and Housing Forward jointly conducted additional analysis of the current dynamic rental and supportive services costs via review of several months of new monthly program cost analysis.

To ensure as much funding as possible is available to rehouse people experiencing homelessness, it has been decided to not move any funding from the Tenant Based Rental Assistance to the Supportive Services budget line items within DHA's contract. Housing Forward has instead identified other funding sources for the additional supportive service's costs.

In just one year, the R.E.A.L. Time Rehousing (RTR) Initiative contributed to a 14% reduction in unsheltered homelessness and a 32 % reduction in chronic homelessness because of the substantial increase in the number of individuals and families re-housed each month, housing over 6,000 individuals since it began as the Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) Initiative in 2021. Only 27% of all Continuum of Care regions in the United States reported reductions in homelessness between 2022 and 2023, and Dallas and Collin Counties was one of those regions because of aligned investment in the RTR initiative. As funding for this highly impactful initiative transitions to new, one-time, and sustainable funding sources, this approach creates additional rehousing opportunities with the limited funds remaining from the original DRTRR.

On April 24, 2024, the closure of the public hearing period on this item will be brought to City Council for approval. No further action will be bought to City Council on this item.

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*A public hearing to receive public comments on the adoption of Substantial Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-24 Action Plan for HOME Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan Act Grant Funds for Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to reallocate funds from Tenant Based Rental Assistance to Supportive Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,468,564.00 and to Administration and Planning in an amount not to exceed \$31,436.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, to continue supportive services and administration for the expanded R.E.A.L. Time Re-Housing Program - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (This item was held under advisement, with the public hearing open on January 24, 2024 and February 28, 2024).*

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me or Christine Crossley, Director of the Office Homeless Solutions at [Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov](mailto:Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov).

Putting Service First,



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