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**WHEREAS**, The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center ("The Bridge"), located at 1818 Corsicana Street, is the only low barrier shelter and entry point for all single adults experiencing homelessness in the city of Dallas (city), serving approximately 7,000 persons experiencing homelessness per year, and is vital to keeping guests sheltered and safe while also helping them exit homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2007, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a ninety-four-month contract, with two sixty-month renewal options, with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance to provide management services for the transition of operations, programming, and management of the Homeless Assistance Center for the period December 12, 2007, through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$27,173,214, by Resolution No. 07-3739 (the "Master Services Contract"); and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) subsequently spun off the operation of The Bridge into a separate Texas nonprofit corporation, Bridge Steps, and on October 1, 2011, Bridge Steps assumed all of MDHA's obligations under the Prior Contract and amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2015, the City Council authorized the first five-year renewal option to the Management Services Contract with Bridge Steps for the continued operation, programming, and management of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020 with this agreement titled as the Management Services Contract, Phase II (the "MSC"); funding for the first year of the five-year renewal term of the MSC with general funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept \$1,000,000 to assist in providing homeless assistance services at The Bridge through the City's contractor, the Bridge Steps, for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept 2015-16 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for shelter operations at The Bridge in the amount of \$113,357 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; and use of 2015-16 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for shelter operations at The Bridge from the Homeless Assistance Center - Operations line item in the amount of \$378,279, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,291,636, by Resolution No. 15-1800; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2017, the City Council authorized an Amended and Restated Management Services Contract, Phase II agreement, with Bridge Steps to add more funding and change certain terms consistent with the original intent as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; funding for Bridge Steps for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 from general funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000; funding for Bridge Steps for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") Grant Funds, under the Homeless Housing and Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$811,130, with a floor amendment accelerating the end date of the Amended and Restated MSC with a termination date of September 30, 2018, by Resolution No. 17-1865; and

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**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2018, the City Council authorized the second five-year renewal option to the Amended and Restated MSC, Phase II, with Bridge Steps, for continued operation of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020; funding for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019; adding new good neighbor provisions relating to community engagement and internal and external operations; and up to 50 pay-to-stay shelter beds for stays of up to 90 days per person at a rate of \$12.00 per person per night for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1410; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 2019, the City Council authorized to accept a grant from TDHCA in the amount not to exceed \$1,101,611.00 to provide services to the homeless through the Homeless Housing and Services Program for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 with Bridge Steps to be used for emergency shelter operating utilities with Resolution No.19-1117; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2020, the City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept Emergency Solutions Grant Funds (ESG) in the amount of \$91,181.00 for the period April 3, 2018 through March 31, 2020 and ESG funds in the amount of \$102,624.00 for the period April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, with Bridge Steps to be used for emergency shelter operating utilities with Resolution No. 20-0272; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2020, the City Council authorized funding for Emergency Solution Grant with Bridge Steps as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter for continued emergency operation of The Bridge for the period April 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$ 98,900.00, with Resolution No. 20-1439; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2021, the City Council authorized an amendment to the Amended and Restated MSC with Bridge Steps as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter for continued operation of the Homeless Assistance Center for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$5,481,813.00 by Resolution No.21-1552; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2022, to replace the Amended and Restated MSC, the City Council authorized a facility management and operational services contract with Bridge Steps d/b/a The Bridge, as a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter, in the amount of \$4,519,000.00, for a term of one-year from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, with four one-year renewal options for a total not to exceed amount of \$22,595,000 by Resolution No. 22-0653 (the 2022 Contract); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2022, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept grant E-22-MC-48-0009 from the Department of Housing and Development ("HUD") in ESG funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,268,197 effective October 1, 2022, to be used to address the needs of (1) emergency sheltering; (2) street outreach; and (3) rapid re-housing in the city by Resolution No. 22-1024; and

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**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2022, City Council authorized the execution of a supplemental agreement to the 2022 Contract, increasing the total contract in the amount of \$831,284.00 from \$4,519,000.00 to \$5,350,284.00 for the original term sourced with funds from the TDHCA and Housing Services Program 22-23 Fund, for the management and operational services of the City's homeless shelter facility for the Office of Homeless Solutions in a total not to exceed \$5,350,284.00, by Resolution No. 22-1366; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2023, the City Council authorized a supplemental agreement to the 2022 Contract with Bridge Steps, as amended, for management and operational services, by increasing the annual fee of \$5,350,284.00 by \$181,006.00 to \$5,531,290.00 with the increased amount sourced from the FY 21-22 Emergency Solutions Grant Fund, to include rental assistance through the Rapid Rehousing program by Resolution No. 23-0184; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance of grant E-23-MC-48-0009 from the Department of Housing and Development ("HUD") in ESG funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,241,010 effective October 1, 2023, to be used to address the needs of (1) emergency sheltering; (2) street outreach; and (3) rapid re-housing in the City by Resolution No. 23-0765; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2023, the City Council authorized to (a) exercise the first of four, one-year renewal options to the facility management services contract with Bridge Steps d/b/a The Bridge, as amended, for facility management and all operational services; and (b) increase the annual fee for such services during year two of the term from \$4,519,000.00 by \$800,683.00 (sourced from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funds) and \$350,003.00 (sourced from Emergency Solutions Grant funds) to an annual not to exceed amount of \$5,669,686.00; and expand the services under the contract to include rental assistance through the Rapid Rehousing Program at the Homeless Assistance Center via a separate agreement by Resolution No. 23-1152; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2024, the Office of Homeless Solutions issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") (OHS-2024-00024798) for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Re-Housing Services, and received nine responses, with Bridge Steps d/b/a The Bridge being selected based on experience, approach/methodology and financial capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2024, the City Council authorized the final adoption of the FY2024- 2025 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget, and accepted Grant No. E-24-MC-48-0009 from HUD in ESG funds in the total amount of \$1,213,719, of which \$148,373 is to be used for Rapid Re-Housing by Resolution No. 24-0873.

**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 exercise a service contract of one-year with two, one-year renewal options with Bridge Steps dba The Bridge, for the immediate housing solutions including the assistance of homeless persons by providing rental assistance in conjunction with supportive services through the Rapid Rehousing Program, for the Office of Homeless Solutions, in the amount not to exceed \$149,010.44, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in the amount not to exceed \$149,010.44 to Bridge Steps dba The Bridge, as follows:

FY2023-24 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds	
Fund ES23, Department MGT, Unit 725J, Object 3070	
Encumbrance/Contract No. OHS-2024-00024798	
Vendor VS0000067075	\$ 637.44

FY2024-25 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds	
Fund ES24, Department MGT, Unit 823K, Object 3070	
Encumbrance/Contract No. OHS-2024-00024798	
Vendor VS0000067075	<u>\$148,373.00</u>

Total amount not to exceed	\$149,010.44
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**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse to the granting agency any expenditure identified as ineligible. The City Manager shall notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grants as may be necessary to satisfy the federal grant awarding agency.

**SECTION 5.** That this resolution does not constitute a binding agreement upon the City or subject the City to any liability or obligation with respect to these transactions until such a time as the documents are duly approved by all parties and executed.

**SECTION 6.** 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.