

January 14, 2026

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA 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 August 18, 2021, the City Council was briefed on allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, including allocations for Making Food Accessible and for Community Mental Health services; 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 an agreement with Big Thought for community mental health services by Resolution No. 23-0625; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2024, the contract term was extended by six months through Office of Procurement Services by extension request 24-0561; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2024, Supplemental Agreement No. 2 renewed the contract for a one-year period by Administrative Action No. 24-6577; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn exacerbated needs related to mental health services and food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to timely and fully expend the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded to the City by Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas will benefit from city-wide mental health programs for residents of Dallas that have been impacted and/or had their needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 federal government shutdown directly and indirectly contributed to stress and fiscal hardship for numerous residents in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulatory requirements for ARPA funding establish a timeline for expenditures.

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**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to ratify the payment to Big Thought for the uninterrupted provision of community mental health services for the period of November 9, 2025 through January 13, 2026; and that Section 2 of Resolution No. 23-0625 is hereby partially amended to extend the service contract term with Big Thought; and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the service contract (Contract No. OCC-2022-00019362) with Big Thought (269229) to extend the term from November 8, 2025 to May 31, 2026 in order to ensure uninterrupted provision of services and full expenditure of obligated American Rescue Plan Act funds.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to account for and report the use, including but not limited to creating additional funds/units, and transferring appropriations between funds/units.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager or his/her designee is authorized to execute change orders or amendments to the agreements, in an amount not to exceed a total of 25 percent of the original contract amount (subject to compliance with the applicable procurement law), or for time to commit and expend funds in a timely manner to meet federal and/or state requirements when necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Manager or her designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy the U.S. Department of Treasury, including contract amendment to ensure the full expenditure of funding within the grant period.

**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 this transaction 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 resolved.