

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 5, 2024

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

SUBJECT **May 8, 2024 Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item#00 –  
Supplemental Agreement #2 with Health Services of North Texas for the Housing  
Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, “HOPWA”**

On May 8, 2024, the following Office of Community Care item will be considered by City Council:

File ID:00-000 Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the contract with Health Services of North Texas, Inc. (HSNT), to increase the contract amount in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, from \$1,319,053.00 to \$1,469,053.00, for the provision of Emergency/Tenant Based Rental Assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 - Not to exceed \$150,000.00 - Financing: FY 2023-24 Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS Grant Fund

## **BACKGROUND**

This agenda item authorizes Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the contract with HSNT funded under the FY 2023-24 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for HUD Grant Funds, to increase the contract amount by \$150,000.00, to allow HSNT to sustain and continue housing assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The City of Dallas has applied for and received Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding since 1993, to support eligible activities within the Dallas Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (Dallas EMSA), which includes the counties of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall. HOPWA Grant Funds are to assist grantees in meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and HIV-related illness and their families.

HSNT is a non-profit agency located in Denton, with additional offices in Plano, that provides quality medical and support services to persons living with HIV/AIDS in the rural and outer urban communities of North Texas. The agency was founded in 1988 and has been providing HOPWA scattered site housing assistance since 1996. HSNT provides HOPWA assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS residing primarily in the rural/suburban counties within the Dallas EMSA.

Under the HOPWA Program, HSNT provides short-term emergency assistance and long-term tenant based rental assistance to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS, primarily in Collin, Denton, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties. The Short-Term Rent,

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Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) Assistance program includes short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments, for up to 21 weeks in any 52-week period, to prevent the homelessness of the client. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program includes rent assistance (with a utility allowance) similar to the Section 8 voucher program. In addition to housing assistance, HOPWA clients also receive supportive services through case managers who ensure that clients have access to needed services.

HSNT notified the City of Dallas that, due to rising housing costs (particularly in Collin and Denton counties), the agency's TBRA program is projected to be over budget and is unable to sustain TBRA housing assistance for all 40 persons living with HIV/AIDS currently participating in the program. In lieu of terminating program participants, staff recommends providing additional TBRA funding, to allow HSNT to sustain TBRA assistance for those who are currently participating in the program.

Program	Initial Award FY2022-23	Renewal FY2023-24	Current Total	Contract Increase	Revised Total
Emergency/Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$620,731.00	\$698,322.00	<b>\$1,319,053.00</b>	\$150,000.00	<b>\$1,469,053.00</b>

While it is currently projected that the additional funding will be needed to sustain the TBRA program, if unobligated funds are projected by year end, HSNT will use any excess to provide additional STRMU assistance.

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@dallas.gov](mailto:Jessica.Galleshaw@dallas.gov).



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