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WHEREAS, one in five Texas inmates are re-incarcerated within three years of release; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to support individuals who are released from Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities as they often face significant housing, employment, and social barriers to successful reintegration in society, and the City recognizes its role in facilitating such supportive service; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the City Council authorized a (1) one- year service contract for employment and workforce training services for formerly incarcerated individuals for the Small Business Center with Regional Black Contractors Association of North Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$500,000.00; and (2) two-year service contract for re-entry career pathway services for the Small Business Center with Volunteers of America Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000.00 and First Step Community Empowerment in the amount of \$250,000 in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, by Resolution No. 22-1466; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, City Council authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046 in the amount of \$500,000.00 for employment and workforce training services for formally incarcerated individuals who are returning to the City of Dallas area by Resolution No. 23-1569; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, City Council/City Manager approved the allocation of funding as consideration for the Services and authorized a one year contract in the amount of \$250,000.00, with a one-year renewal option in the amount of \$500,000.00 total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 with Contractor for the purpose of employment and workforce training services for formally incarcerated individuals who are returning to the City of Dallas and use of Texas Department of Criminal Justice grant funds under an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, by Resolution No. 23-1569; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (Bid No. BIZ24-00024448) for the Chance Re-Entry Workforce/Employment Training Program in accordance with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Award Terms and Conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2024, Dallas Leadership Foundation submitted a proposal in response to the City, in accordance with the Act and state regulations, provide employment and workforce training services for formally incarcerated individuals who are returning to the City of Dallas area; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to enter into this Contract with Dallas Leadership Foundation for employment and workforce training services for formally incarcerated individuals who are returning to the City of Dallas and other services related to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the City to be provided for on behalf of the Office of Community Care.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a service contract with Dallas Leadership Foundation (517338), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for employment and workforce training services for formally incarcerated individuals for the Office of Community Care for a term of one year, in the amount of \$250,000.00, with a one-year renewal option in the amount of \$250,000.00, total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. If the service was bid or proposed on an as needed basis, unit price basis for performance of specified tasks, payments made to Dallas Leadership Foundation shall be based only on the amount of the services directed to be performed by the City and properly performed by Dallas Leadership Foundation under the contract.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 (subject to annual appropriations) to Dallas Leadership Foundation Service Contract No. OCC-2024-00024448.

SECTION 3. 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.