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WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic was declared a public health disaster in the United States in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, since the first case of COVID-19 was discovered, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Dallas developed the Dallas Eviction Assistance Initiative to continue the mitigation of evictions in Dallas. The initiative established an eviction program where direct legal services are provided to Dallas residents who are lower income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, specifically those at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and residents negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 American Rescue Plan Act funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic still impact tenants facing evictions; and filings for evictions continue to increase, making legal services an increasing need; and

WHEREAS, the Law Offices of Craig W. Harvey is a qualified organization with comprehensive legal experience in both Federal and Texas Law related to legal consultation, including providing services to residential tenants facing eviction and homelessness.

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 twelve-month subrecipient agreement with the Law Offices of Craig W. Harvey (VS88085), approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide legal services to residential tenants at risk of eviction and homelessness due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, allocated from Council District 7 (\$115,000.00) and from Council District 14 (\$125,000.00) in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 for this initiative for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final granting agency monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

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SECTION 3. 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 grant as necessary to satisfy any legal or regulatory obligations associated with the grant funding.

SECTION 4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 to the Law Offices of Craig W. Harvey from American Rescue Plan Act Funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD32, Object 3070, Vendor VS88085.

SECTION 5. That this contract is designated as Contract No. FHO-2024-00024786.

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.