

June 11, 2025

WHEREAS, during the 88th Texas State Legislative Session, funding was appropriated within the budget of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a pilot program for reentry services to individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation of funds represents the seventh non-consecutive time for funding to be allocated for such a purpose, including in 2015, 2019, 2021, 2023, and 2024; and

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 TDCJ facilities as they often face significant housing, employment and social barriers to successful reintegration in society; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, City Council authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the extension of an Interlocal Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 to administer a Re-Entry Services Program from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025 by Resolution No. 24-0978; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, City Council authorized the acceptance of grant funds from TDCJ in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas to be provided from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025 by Resolution No. 24-1075; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2025, the City issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit applications from eligible organizations to support access to stable housing through case management, housing navigation, housing placement, and housing assistance and/or the creation of more housing opportunities for reentry and justice-impacted residents.; and

WHEREAS, following review and evaluation by a four-member panel, Housing Connector and Volunteers of America Texas have been selected as subrecipients to deliver housing navigation assistance and social services for eligible re-entry clients; and

WHEREAS, the TDCJ Reentry Services Program funding will support programming to help individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area overcome these barriers.

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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 authorized to execute a subrecipient agreement with Housing Connector and Volunteers of America Texas Inc., dba Volunteers of America Texas, for a term of nine months to one-year, subject to appropriation, to support access to stable housing through housing navigation, housing placement, housing assistance and/or the creation of more housing opportunities coupled with case management through direct wraparound services and/or financial coaching for reentry and justice-impacted residents, on behalf of the Office of Community Care and Empowerment, beginning on June 11, 2025, with all terms, conditions, and documents required by the Agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, with: (a) Housing Connector in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and (b) Volunteers of America Texas Inc., dba Volunteers of America Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 – Total not to exceed \$350,000.00 Financing: TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program Fund.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in accordance with each agreement, in an overall total amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, (subject to annual appropriations) to the below-listed vendors from the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Grant Program Fund, Fund S411, Department MGT, Unit 678E, Object Code 3070 as follows:

1. Housing Connector (Vendor VC0000034332) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and
2. Volunteers of America Texas, Inc., dba Volunteers of America Texas (Vendor VS91602) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00

Total amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

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/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 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all monitoring reports no later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

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SECTION 6. That the acceptance of the contract for FY 2025 Texas Department of Criminal Justice Re-Entry Services Grant Fund be designated as Contract No. OCC-2025-00027617.

SECTION 7. 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 agreement and required documents are duly approved by all parties and executed.

SECTION 8. 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.