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**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**, Services of Hope was selected through a competitive procurement process to deliver services using American Rescue Plan Act funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2023, the City Council authorized subrecipient agreement with Services of Hope & Financial Hope CCS for the administration of food distribution and delivery services to the residents of City of Dallas by Resolution No. 23-0711; and

**WHEREAS**, the subrecipient agreement was amended to revise exhibits and the contract term was extended for six months by Extension Request No. 25-0873; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn have exacerbated food insecurity, and such conditions continue to pose a threat to the public health and safety of Dallas residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 federal government shutdown further exacerbated food insecurity by contributing to economic instability, delays in benefits, and increased demand for emergency food assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary suspension of and subsequent reduction in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), has materially increased demand for emergency food distribution services within the City of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, Services of Hope Entities, Inc. experienced an unanticipated increase in service demand beyond the scope and funding of the existing agreement, requiring the continuation of food distribution services without interruption to prevent harm to vulnerable residents; and

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**WHEREAS**, due to the immediate and continuing threat to public health and safety, the City Council finds that an emergency procurement was necessary pursuant to applicable state law and City procurement authority to allow Services of Hope Entities, Inc. to continue providing food distribution services from November 23, 2025, through January 13, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the ratification of services rendered during this period was necessary on an emergency basis to preserve and protect the public health and safety of City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City further finds that it is necessary and in the public interest to extend the contract term through May 31, 2026, and to increase the total contract amount to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential food distribution services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further finds that providing food distribution services to affected city residents serves a valid public purpose.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** ratify the payment to Services of Hope Entities, Inc. (VC0000004593) for the emergency food distribution services that were necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of city residents that were performed for the period November 23, 2025 through January 13, 2026; **(2)** Sections 1 and 2 of Resolution No. 23-0711 are hereby partially amended to increase the contract amount for Services of Hope Entities, Inc. from \$900,000.00 to \$1,125,000.00 and extend term of the contract from November 23, 2025 to May 31, 2026; and **(3)** execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the subrecipient agreement with Services of Hope Entities, Inc. (Contract No. OCC-2022-00018496), as amended, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for food distribution services to **(a)** extend the term of the agreement from November 23, 2025 to May 31, 2026; and **(b)** increase the contract amount in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 (increasing the total contract amount from \$900,000.00 to \$1,125,000.00).

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD21, Object 3070 for Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2022-00018496 to pay for food distribution and delivery services ratified herein and rendered by Services of Hope Entities, Inc. for the period November 23, 2025 through January 13, 2026.

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**SECTION 3.** The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department MGT, Unit AD21, Object 3070 for Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2022-00018496 to pay the additional contract funding in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 authorized under Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for services provided during the extended contract term November 23, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That the City Manager or his/her designee is hereby 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 6.** That the City Manager or his/her designee is hereby 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 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 this transaction until such a time as the 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 resolved.