

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 9, 2022

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

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Item – Foremost Family Health Lease Amendment**

On January 11, 2023, City Council will consider agenda item # 22-2885, an Office of Community Care (OCC) to authorize a letter amendment to an existing lease for Foremost Family Health Center at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Background

Foremost Family Health Centers (MLK Jr. Family Clinic) has been a provider of quality and affordable health care in Dallas for over 30 years. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Foremost Family Health Centers provides services to the community regardless of ability to pay, and offers discounted fees based on income and family size. We feature pediatrics, family medicine, podiatry, obstetrics/ gynecology, laboratory, behavioral health, and dental services, with locations in South Dallas and Balch Springs, and a school-based health center at A+ Charter Schools.

Since 1986, Foremost Family Health Centers has offered families comprehensive healthcare from leading physicians, dentists and other providers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The health care center offers health care services with short wait times, flexible payment options and discounted rates, along with a host of other benefits based on partnerships with local hospitals and other organizations and is designated as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a national healthcare accrediting agency. In 2021, Foremost was awarded funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration American (HRSA) Rescue Plan to renovate their facility, which will enable them to upgrade flooring, lighting, paint, and finishes for all medical exam rooms and the addition of a dedicated behavioral health office, nursing station and other needed office space to accommodate growth. The total anticipated costs of these enhancements is \$750,000.00, of which \$579,805.00 is being funded with HRSA funds and the remainder funded by program income and other funding. These renovations will enable Foremost to offer the welcoming and updated clinical office environment that they believe their patients deserve, and will add additional examination rooms to enable them to provide efficient, high quality care to more patients.

This agenda item will authorize a Letter Amendment to the existing lease with Foremost to them to accept these HRSA funds and to make these improvements and therefore benefit the community.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw, at Jessica.galleshaw@dallascityhall.com.

DATE December 12, 2022

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Community Care Agenda Items – Additional Emergency Rental Assistance Funds**



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