

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 23, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council Housing and Homelessness Solutions
TO Committee: Jesse Moreno (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Zarin D. Gracey,
Chad West, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions – Upcoming Agenda Items #43, 44, 47, and 77
September 25, 2024**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the following upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) agenda items # 43, 44, 47, 77 on the September 25, 2024, City Council Agenda.

File #24-2247 – Agenda #43

Authorize the City Manager to (1) exercise the second of four, one-year renewal options to the facility management services contract with Bridge Steps d/b/a The Bridge, as amended, for facility management and operational services; (2) provide funding for the annual fee during year three of the contract, as amended, in an amount not to exceed \$4,519,000.00 sourced from General Fund; and (3) increase the annual fee during year three of the contract, as amended, from \$4,519,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$5,798,944.00, with \$164,250.00 sourced from General Fund for an increase for pay-to-stay shelter beds, \$300,000.00 sourced from General Fund for an increase for the facility management services contract, and \$815,694.00 sourced from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (“TDHCA”) Grant Funds – Not to exceed \$5,798,944.00 – Financing: General Fund (\$4,983,250.00) (subject to appropriations), FY 2025 TDHCA-Homeless Housing and Services Program 24-25 Fund (\$701,076.00) and FY 2023 TDHCA-HHSP Youth Set-Aside Reallocation Fund (\$114,618.00).

As the only low barrier shelter and entry point for all adult males and females experiencing homelessness in the city, this agreement is vital to keeping guests sheltered and safe while also helping them exit homelessness. Bridge Steps d/b/a The Bridge Recovery Center is equipped with the required experience and capabilities to successfully provide these services at the City’s homeless shelter and will assist persons experiencing homelessness with innovative solutions to overcome their housing crisis and provides substantial case management services.

Working in consultation with the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee, the City Manager will be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Contract that modifies the Good Neighbor Addendum to the Contract, approved as to form by the City Attorney. The \$300,000 general fund increase for the facility management services contract is the increase within the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County.

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File #24-2733 – Agenda #44

Authorize the first of two, one-year renewal options to the service contract with Austin Street Center to provide access to homeless recovery services for the Office of Homeless Solutions for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 - Not to exceed \$575,000.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations).

These services focus on meeting the needs of the mentally ill homeless population including the establishment, operation and/or maintenance of minimum services (assistance accessing benefits, detoxification units, integrated medical services, housing services and education, job training and/or supported employment).

File #24-2741 – Agenda #47

Authorize a one-year service contract, with two one-year renewal options, for housing rental subsidies and supportive services for seniors from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for the Office of Homeless Solutions with Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc., the most advantageous proposer of five – Not to exceed \$250,000.00 – Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations).

This service contract will provide for housing rental subsidies and supportive services for eligible homeless seniors residing within the city and aged 55 years and over for the Office of Homeless Solutions. Supportive services include but are not limited to rental assistance, utility payments, operating assistance, case management, transportation, nutrition counseling, financial literacy, social engagement, and mental health services. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of homeless seniors within the city by providing housing rental subsidies and supportive services.

File #24-2978– Agenda # 77

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, to be granted to Bridge Steps for homeless assistance services to be provided at The Bridge, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$1,000,000.00. (This item was deferred on August 28, 2024 and September 11, 2024).

Dallas County has been providing funding for homeless assistance services at The Bridge since it opened in 2008. Approval of this item provides a portion of the annual funding for operation of The Bridge for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. This item was deferred to allow Dallas County to approve a new amount for the Interlocal Agreement. The revised amount as approved by the Dallas County Commissioners on September 17, 2024, is \$1,300,000.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Christine Crossley, Director, Office of Homeless Solutions at christine.crossley@dallas.gov.

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