

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 4, 2025

Honorable Members of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee: Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Lorie Blair (Vice Chair), Adam Bazaldua, Zarin Gracey, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Gay Willis

SUBJECT **November 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Item 25-2630A, Family Endeavors - Housing and Homeless Assistance for Youth and Adults Twenty-four Years of Age and Younger**

The purpose of this memorandum is to brief the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HHSC) of an November 12, 2025 agenda item from the Office of Procurement Services (OPS) for the authorization of a one-year subrecipient agreement, with two one-year renewal options, with Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors.

Background

This item authorizes a contract with Endeavors for \$211,013.00 to provide housing and service assistance to homeless youth and adults up to age 24. Endeavors has over fifty-five years of experience serving vulnerable populations, including twelve years within Dallas proper. They currently operate 3 federally funded programs designed to promote housing stability, self-sufficiency, and long-term well-being for unaccompanied youth and young adults including 55 grant programs they currently manage including Youth Resiliency Project (YRP), Fairweather Family Lodge, and Family and Youth Services and Supports. With an annual operating budget exceeding \$353 million, and a network of over 115 community partners, they are well-equipped to manage this initiative responsibly and sustainably.

Endeavors' projected outcomes under this contract include the following:

- 45 unaccompanied youth enrolled in case management
- 45 youth stably housed through emergency or transitional programs
- 70% of clients engaged in education, training, or employment
- 85% of clients maintain housing for at least six months
- 90% satisfaction rate reported in client feedback forums

With anticipated outcomes of:

Output	Target	Outcome	Target
Clients served monthly	5	Youth remaining engaged during programming	95%
Youth served annually	45	Youth stably housed	95%
Youth completing surveys	70%	Positive feedback on program experience	90%

Endeavors was selected as the most advantageous proposer among eleven respondents. They will provide youth-centered services including case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, transitional living, and supportive programs.

The timeline for the competitive process is as follows:

- May 29, 2025 – OPS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP)
- June 27, 2025 – RFP closed
- June 27, 2025 to July 3, 2025 – Review Committee consisting of three staff members from the Office of Homeless Solutions, Office of Community Care, and the Neighborhood and Housing Revitalization Department reviewed and scored the applications
- October 21, 2025 – Briefing to the City Council HHSC
- November 12, 2025 – Anticipated City Council Award Date
- November 2025 through August 2026 – Operation timeframe

A total of eleven submissions were received across two service categories. Below is the scoring of each respondent:

Proposers	Score
Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors	94.67
The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center	85.33
Under 1 Roof	84.00
After8toEducate	83.33
Transition Resource Action Center	80.00
Shared Housing Center, Inc.	79.67
R-Uth Children and Family Services	75.67
Prolific Success Events and Consulting	67.67
Betty Walker Waites Foundation	40.00
One-By-One Solutions	23.33
Back to Eden Fellow Program	15.00

Proposers were scored on their experience, approach/work plan, and budget. The proposed awardee scored highest on all categories.

Program History

Recognizing a need in the homeless response system to address homeless youth, the Office of Homeless Solutions (now Office of Housing and Community Empowerment) issued its first solicitation in 2020 to address the needs of this population with an emphasis on individuals ages 18 to 24. The selected vendor was required to provide emergency housing, food access, case management and other services. In response to the solicitation, the City Council awarded a contract to CitySquare. In 2024 while preparing to cease operations, CitySquare asked the City to transfer its contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 2) to Transition Resource Action Center

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(TRAC). The request was approved in June of 2024 with a contract term of September 2024 to August 2025.

Services provided by TRAC under the most recent contract have extended beyond shelter to include education, workforce development, and behavioral health support, ensuring a holistic approach to stability. Between September 2024 and August 2025, TRAC served 109 unaccompanied youth, entered 93 individuals into CAS (Coordinated Access System) and placed 49 individuals in housing.

Approval of this subrecipient agreement ensures the Office of Housing and Community Empowerment will continue to serve homeless youth, facilitating access to safe shelter, essential services, and developmental resources.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Thor Erickson, Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment at 214-670-3632 or Thor.Erickson@dallas.gov.

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