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**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to achieve greater economic equity for all its residents, as economic stability has been identified as one of five social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS**, in alignment with the City of Dallas' Racial Equity Plan, the National League of Cities (NLC) invited Cities from the CAFFE Cohort to be part of its new Cities Addressing Fines and Fees Equitably (CAFFE) Initiative program scaling pass-through grants to the CAFFE cohort cities, later called CAFFE Initiative Sustainability Mini-Grant Fund. This additional program is a testament to the importance of the City's role in addressing the adverse effects and harmful economic impact that debt can have on lower-income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as an NLC Cohort member, the City of Dallas, Office of Equity and Inclusion, in collaboration with key internal city of Dallas departments, offices, and stakeholders, will continue to use the CAFFE Initiative's assistance to address inequities in fines and fees without compromising public safety, and has been awarded the NLC CAFFE Initiative Sustainability Mini-Grant Fund to aid the City with this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAFFE Initiative Sustainability Mini-Grant Fund seeks to increase racial equity and economic mobility for residents by helping cities mitigate the often-harmful impacts of fines and fees on residents' financial health addressing inequities in fines and fees without compromising public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to ensure that eligible residents, particularly those in equity priority areas, are aware of benefits and services and connected with resources to help them and will use these grant funds to support outreach and awareness.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve CAFFE Sustainability Grant and Assistance Program (Program), as shown in **Exhibit A**, to provide financial support in the form of grants to the Fines and Fees Assistance Program for eligible recipients related to unpaid fines and fees without compromising public safety; accept a grant from the National League of Cities (NLC) – CAFFE Sustainability Mini Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to address fines and fees with equity-informed lens on eligible recipients for the period January 22, 2025 through June 16, 2025; and execute a grant agreement and required documents with the NLC Cohort, each approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit grant funds in the amount of \$10,000.00, respectively, not to exceed an overall amount of \$10,000.00 in NLC FY25 CAFFE Initiative Grant Fund, Fund P175, Department MGT, Unit 682J, Revenue Code 8411.

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**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 in the NLC FY25 CAFFE Initiative Grant Fund, Fund P175, Department MGT, Unit 682J, Object 3099.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the NLC FY25 CAFFE Initiative Grant Fund, Fund P175, Department MGT, Unit 682J, Object 3099.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse the granting agency any expenditures identified as ineligible, if any, and notify the appropriate City Council Committee of expenditures identified as ineligible not later than 30 days after the reimbursement.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Manager shall keep the appropriate City Council Committee informed of all final granting agency monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Manager or their designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments to the Program, amend the Program statement, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy the NLC.

**SECTION 8.** That this grant agreement is designated as Contract No. FHO-2025-00026752.

**SECTION 9.** 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.