

May 28, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas seeks to achieve greater economic inclusion and equitable outcomes for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, digital access and literacy are essential for household financial stability and upward economic mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), through funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has awarded the City of Dallas a \$50,000.00 subaward to design an evaluation and impact study of the City's Digital Navigator's Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this research will help improve digital literacy, address technological barriers, and enhance economic resilience among vulnerable communities in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas, through its Digital Navigators Program partner, the Dallas Innovation Alliance, will build consensus for the randomized evaluation among all program implementers, including community anchor centers, nonprofit partners, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation design will include the selection of a comparison group, the randomization design, the identification, and selection of key outcomes of interest, and the exploration of opportunities to integrate community-engaged practices into the evaluation design; and

**WHEREAS**, the Digital Navigators Program aligns with the City's Broadband Digital Equity Strategic Plan, which seeks to ensure equitable broadband access and adoption for underserved and underrepresented communities across Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, this program also supports the City's Resilient Dallas Strategy and Racial Equity Plan, promoting digital inclusion and access for underserved communities.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Subaward Agreement No. S6566, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the J-PAL North America's LEVER Evaluation design for the Digital Navigators Program for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31; and execute the grant sub agreement and all terms, conditions and documents required by the grant sub agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

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**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the J-PAL North America's LEVER Evaluation Incubator Grant Fund, Fund P176, Department MGT, Unit 683B, Object Codes 3070 and 3090.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to receipt and deposit funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the J-PAL North America's LEVER Evaluation Incubator Grant Fund, Fund P176, Department MGT, Unit 683B, Revenue Code 8411.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, as follows:

J-PAL North America's LEVER Evaluation Incubator Grant Fund Fund P176, Department MGT Unit 683B, Object 3070	\$39,949.10
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J-PAL North America's LEVER Evaluation Incubator Grant Fund Fund P176, Department MGT Unit 683B, Object 3090	<u>\$10,050.90</u>
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Total amount not to exceed	\$50,000.00
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**SECTION 5.** That the City Manager or designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the grant as may be necessary to satisfy.

**SECTION 6.** That this contract is designated as Contract No. OCC-2025-00027149.

**SECTION 7.** 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.