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**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Mayor's Taskforce on Poverty addresses the cause of poverty in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to assist City of Dallas residents to address high poverty rates within the City through the Drivers of Poverty Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drivers of Poverty Program aims to tackle poverty by addressing contributing factors, with a primary focus on reducing/eliminating barriers to work and access to affordable childcare while striving to bridge disparities among the most vulnerable residents and advance equity; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2024, the City Council authorized (1) final adoption of the FY 2024-25 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funds in an estimated amount of \$30,949,109.00 for the following programs and estimated amounts: (a) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$13,023,068.00; (b) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$5,078,453.00; (c) Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$1,213,719.00; (d) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS in the amount of \$9,864,583.00; (e) estimated CDBG and HOME Program Income in the amount of \$700,000.00; and (f) FY 2023-24 Reprogramming Funds in the amount of \$1,069,286.00; and (2) the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan, covering the period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2028-29, by Resolution No. 24-0873; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the City Council to approve contracts with the fully-licensed childcare providers.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** implement the Drivers of Poverty Program (Childcare) that targets residents of the City of Dallas who are low-to-moderate income needing childcare assistance, who meet two of the nine Drivers of Poverty, as outlined in the Mayor's Taskforce on Poverty, and as outlined in **Exhibit A**; and **(2)** execute contracts with fully-licensed childcare providers selected by eligible parents (that meet the eligibility criteria outlined in **Exhibit A**), and execute any and all documents required by the contract, approved as to form by the City Attorney, and to provide subsidy payments to these fully-licensed childcare providers; for the period of December 11, 2024 through September 30, 2025. The overall total of all Drivers of Poverty Program (Childcare) contracts shall not exceed \$618,565.00.

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**SECTION 2.** That each individual contract with a fully-licensed childcare provider under the Drivers of Poverty Program (Childcare) may exceed \$50,000.00, but at no point shall the total amount of the contracts in aggregate exceed \$618,565.00.

**SECTION 3.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payments to fully-licensed childcare providers who meet the requirements of the Drivers of Poverty Program (Childcare), as outlined in **Exhibit A**, in an amount not to exceed \$618,565.00 from Community Development Block Grant Fund, Fund CD24, Department MGT, Unit 807K, Object 3070, Encumbrance/Contract No. OCC-2025-00026327.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to provide additional information, clarify the program statement, and make adjustments relating to the grant budget as may be necessary in order to satisfy HUD requirements.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) any expenditures identified as ineligible. The City Manager shall 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 HUD monitoring reports no later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

**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.