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**WHEREAS**, funding was awarded to the City of Dallas for the BJA FY 23 Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant, Grant No. 15PBJA-23-GG-05378-NTCP, Assistance Listing No. 16.738 for FY 2024-26; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), has made grant funds available for equipping officers with effective de-escalation skills and reducing excessive use of force during Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-26; and

**WHEREAS**, DPD will identify common scenarios that require de-escalation skills, such as encounters with individuals experiencing mental health crises. Use existing data from the Use of Force Police Force Analysis System and receive input from stakeholders and trainers. This training will help enhance accuracy and relevance in the creation of virtual scenarios; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Dallas to accept such funding.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the BJA FY 23 Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant (Federal/State Award ID. No. 15PBJA-23-GG-05378-NTCP, Assistance Listing No. 16.738) in the amount of \$792,862.00 for the purpose of equipping officers with effective de-escalation skills and reducing excessive use of force for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026; and execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$792,862.00 in the BJA FY 23 Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative Fund, Fund F753, Department DPD, Unit 678C, various Object Codes, in accordance with the attached Schedule.

**SECTION 3.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds in an amount not to exceed \$792,862.00 in BJA FY 23 Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative Fund, Fund F753, Department DPD, Unit 678C, Revenue Code 6506.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$792,862.00 from the BJA FY 23 Virtual Reality De-escalation Site-Based Initiative Fund, Fund F753, Department DPD, Unit 678C, various Object Codes, in accordance with the attached Schedule.

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**SECTION 5.** That in the event of loss or misuse of funds, the grantee will return grant funds to the DOJ in full. 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 the DOJ final monitoring reports not later than 30 days after the receipt of the report.

**SECTION 7.** That this contract is designated as Contract No. DPD-2024-00023376.

**SECTION 8.** 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.