

October 25, 2023

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross (ARC) is the city's primary partner as it relates to sheltering and other mass care services. However, there are some scenarios in which a residence is deemed uninhabitable but would not qualify for their financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the City Disaster Aid (CDA) Program is to enable residents to take the action most appropriate for them and/or their family in the 72-hour period following the loss of their primary residence; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the City Council authorized Ordinance No. 32301 amending the FY 2021-22 Operating and Capital Budgets' Appropriation Ordinance No. 32000, which established the Disaster Response Fund and authorized the appropriation of \$200,000.00, by Resolution No. 22-1424; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee was briefed on the Proposed Emergency Shelter Standard Operating Procedures on October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas residents will benefit from the CDA program as it will reduce the number of families requiring emergency congregate sheltering by providing them with funds to pay for immediate temporary housing needs (e.g., hotel room stay) and essentials (e.g., clothing, toiletries). This program, supplemented by other services, empowers residents to take the actions most appropriate for their family during the short-term recovery period.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the program statement for the City Disaster Aid Program, as shown in **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved, to provide financial support in the form of electronic fund transfer, or gift card cash equivalents such as gift cards up to \$1,000.00, to enable residents to purchase needed items.

SECTION 2. 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.