

January 12, 2022

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a program focused on bringing low-income individuals and communities out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the issue of a longstanding trend of declining participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, and only 39 percent of the eligible population participates in the WIC Program; and

WHEREAS, WIC and Child Poverty Action Lab (CPAL), a nonprofit, have developed a WIC Playbook with research-based ideas to help address various causes and factors contributing to the decline; and

WHEREAS, University of North Texas at Dallas, a local university, has worked in partnership with WIC and CPAL to support the professional development and training needs of the VISTAs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTAs will work in collaboration with WIC to reach underserved populations using the Playbook, benefitting the City of Dallas WIC Program.

Now, Therefore,

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** accept a cost-share from the CNCS to provide four AmeriCorps VISTA members to perform volunteer services to strengthen and supplement efforts to eliminate poverty and poverty-related human, social and environmental problems in support of the Supplemental Nutrition Program for the WIC Program for the period January 16, 2022 to January 14, 2023, with a one-year renewal option; **(2)** execute a cost-share agreement with CNCS and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement; **(3)** utilize up to \$15,312.00 in WIC Program Funds to serve as cost-share for the VISTAs; and **(4)** execution of a cost-share agreement with the Child Poverty Action Lab ("CPAL") and the University of North Texas at Dallas to implement the program and acceptance of up to \$15,312.00 from CPAL to reimburse the City, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse up to \$15,312.00 to serve as cost-share funds for the program from Health and Human Services Grant Funds, Fund F679, Department MGT, Unit 211C, Object 3099.

SECTION 3. 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.

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SECTION 4. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to provide additional information, make adjustments, and take other actions related to the implementation of the contract as may be necessary to satisfy the CNCS, including but not limited to extending or modifying the contract term.

SECTION 5. That this contract is designated as Contract No. OCC-2022-00018392.

SECTION 6. 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.